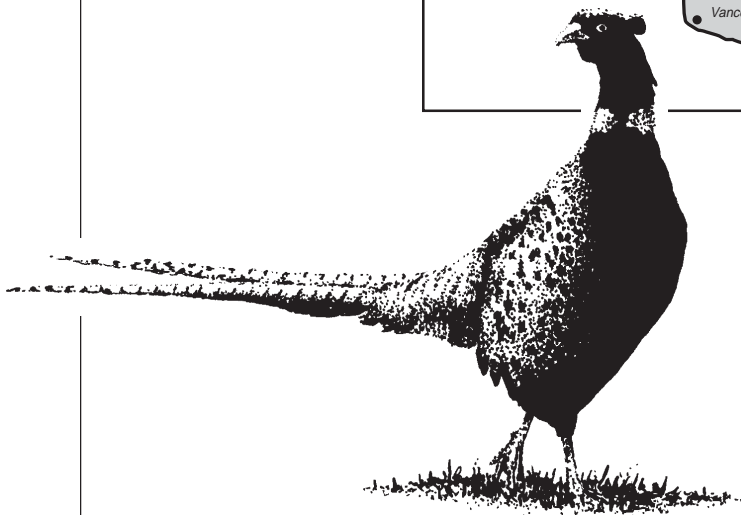


Western Washington Pheasant Release Program



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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SMALL GAME HUNTERS

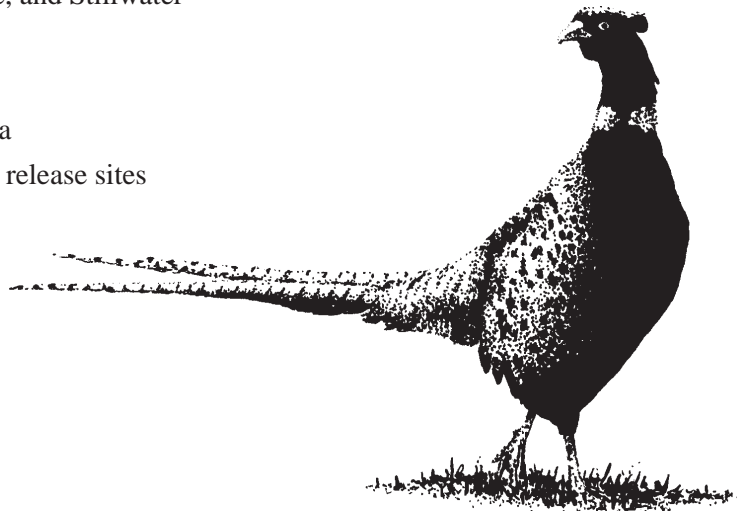
To protect other wildlife species including waterfowl and raptors, nontoxic shot is now required for all small game hunting on several pheasant release sites and wildlife areas. If you hunt any of the following areas, you may possess and use only approved nontoxic shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading). See page 11 of the 2004-2005 Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons pamphlet for more information.

Western Washington

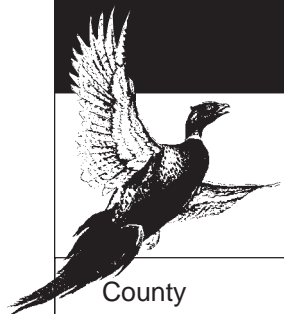
Chehalis River pheasant release site
Dungeness Recreation Area
Hunter Farms pheasant release site
Lake Terrell Wildlife Area - all segments including Tennant Lake
Raymond Airport pheasant release site
Skagit Wildlife Area - all segments
Snoqualmie Wildlife Area - all segments including Cherry Valley, Crescent Lake, and Stillwater
Cowlitz Wildlife Area
Shillapoo Wildlife Area
Vancouver Lake Wildlife Area
All Whidbey Island: Pheasant release sites

Eastern Washington

Driscoll Island, Hegdahl, and Kline Parcel segments of Sinlahekin Wildlife Area
Sunnyside Wildlife Area
Bridgeport Bar segments of Wells Wildlife Area
Two Rivers and Wallula Units of USFWS McNary Wildlife Refuge



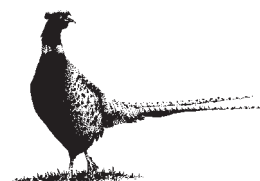
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The number of pheasants released on each site is based on several factors including the estimated numbers of hunters using those sites. The estimate is derived from permit (punch card) returns. It is very important to return your punch card at the end of the hunting season.

County	Site (code)
Clallam	Dungeness Recreation Area (1)
Clark	Shillapoo (2) Vancouver Lake (3)
Cowlitz	Woodland (4)
Grays Harbor	Chehalis River (5)
Island	Sea Plane Base (6) OLF-Coupeville (7) Ebey Prairie/Arnold Farm (8) Bayview (9)
King	Cherry Valley (10) Stillwater (11)
Lewis	Lincoln Creek (12) Kosmos (13)
Mason	Belfair (14) Hunter Farms (15)
Pacific	Raymond Airport (16)
Pierce	Fort Lewis (17)
Skagit	Skagit Wildlife Area (18)
Snohomish	Smith Farm (19) Crescent Lake (20)
Thurston	Fort Lewis (17) Scatter Creek (21) Skookumchuck (22)
Whatcom	Lake Terrell (23) ARCO (24) Intelco (25)

Hunters are required to report their western Washington pheasant permit information. Hunters may report their hunting and harvest activity online at: www.wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/wlm_survey/pheasant_report_form.php or return their permit to WDFW by December 31 of each year. If you decide to report online, please do not send in your permit.



WESTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT RELEASE PROGRAM



The major goal of the pheasant program in western Washington is to provide an upland bird hunting opportunity. The program also encourages participation from young and older aged hunters.

The cool, wet climate of western Washington combined with the lack of grain farming limits naturally sustained pheasant populations. Each year 30,000 to 40,000 pheasants are released on about 30 release sites.

Most release sites remain the same from one year to the next. Maps to those sites are enclosed. Information and maps for new or relocated sites are available at regional offices listed.

In order to help ensure its future one of the objectives of the Western Washington Pheasant Release Program is to become self sustaining. Currently there are about 6500 participants that pay about \$220,000. Operation costs for the game farm are about \$290,000.

Hunting Seasons and Regulations

The general western Washington hunting season lasts from late September to November 30 each year (see hunting pamphlet for details). Hunting is allowed from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day. Some areas do not release birds throughout the season due to flooding or other conflicts.

Beginning in 1999, a small game hunting license and western Washington upland bird permit are required to hunt pheasants in western Washington. The price of a small game hunting license is \$32.85, the western Washington pheasant permit costs \$39.42 for adults and \$18.00 for youth (under 16). The bag limit is two pheasants of either sex per day on release sites. There is no limit to the number of permits purchased per year. A three-day permit that allows harvest of 4 pheasants is also offered for \$21.90.

Generally, most release sites have established parking areas or access points. These areas are open to all users. Any restrictions associated with use of the release sites other than those noted in the hunting pamphlet, will be posted at the access points.

There are several safety issues that hunters should be aware of while hunting on release sites. The sites are usually fairly crowded and often relatively close to houses or other types of recreation. Hunter orange must be worn by hunters using release sites. Be aware of Safety Zones signs and stay away from areas posted as such. Other instructions and information will be posted at release sites.

While it is always important to be courteous to other hunters, it is especially important while hunting crowded release sites. A few courtesy rules include:

1. Don't trail or otherwise position yourself to take advantage of other hunters, you may end up in their line of fire!
2. Racing out ahead of other hunters to beat them to birds is unethical and dangerous. Please respect others and allow time and space.
3. If you see other hunters that may not be familiar with hunting the release site, invite them to join your group. This is especially important for young hunters and those without dogs. By promoting safe, ethical hunting you help ensure the continuation of recreation for yourself and for future generations.

Western Washington Regional Offices:

Region 4

(425) 775-1311
16018 Mill Creek Blvd.
Mill Creek, WA 98012-1296

Region 5

(360) 696-6211
2108 Grand Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98661

Region 6

(360) 249-4628
48 Devonshire Rd.
Montesano, WA 98563



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REGION FOUR PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

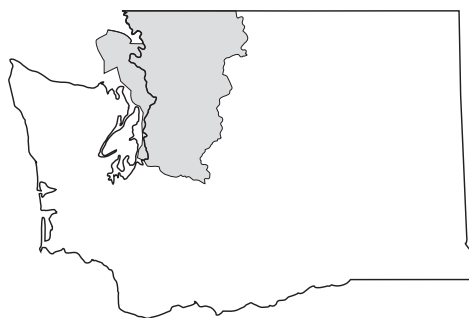
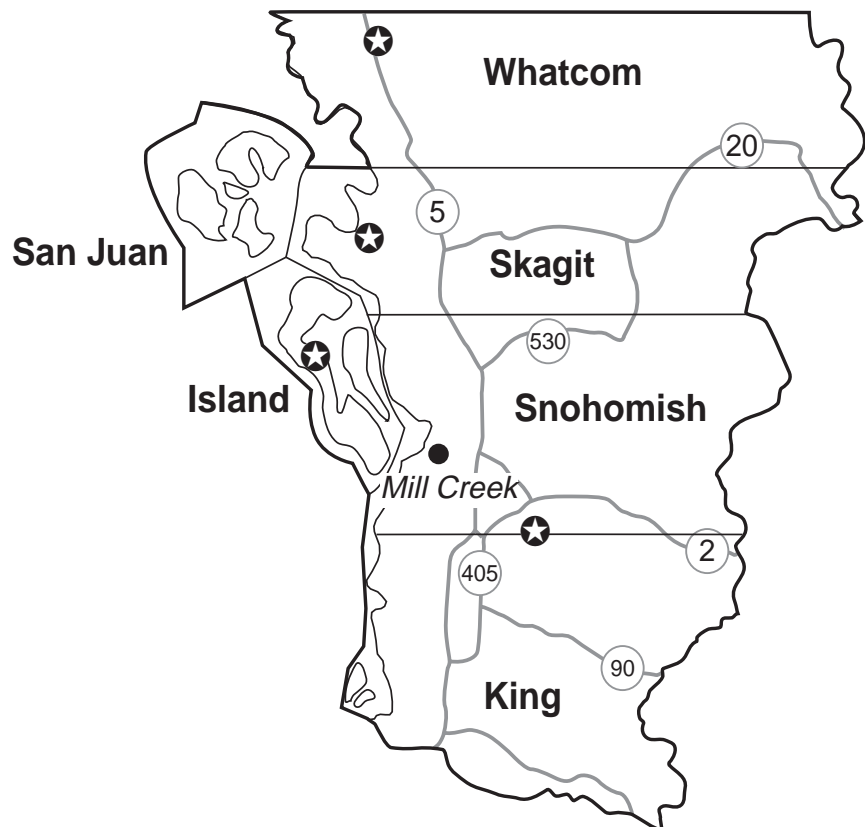
In order to maintain a more safe and enjoyable hunt, there are special restrictions on several of the more popular release sites. Hunters must choose to hunt on either odd-numbered or even numbered weekend days, from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Youth hunters may hunt on either day. These sites include: Lake Terrell (including ARCO and Intalco), Snoqualmie (including Stillwater, Cherry Valley, and Crescent Lake segments), Skagit (including headquarters and Smith Farm segments), wildlife areas, and all sites on Whidbey Island.

Nontoxic shot must be used on all segments of Lake Terrell, Skagit, and Snoqualmie (includes Cherry Valley, Crescent Lake, and Stillwater segments) wildlife areas as well as all release sites on Whidbey Island. Other instructions and information may be posted at release sites.

Reminder: At least 400 square inches of Hunter Orange must be worn by all upland bird hunters.

Typically, birds are released on these areas at least three times per week, mainly on weekends. The two main release sites on Whidbey Island are on the Naval Air Station. (OLF and Seaplane Base). In order to hunt on these sites, hunters must obtain a NAS Whidbey Island Upland Game Hunting Permit. The permits are available at no cost from NAS Environmental Bldg. 113 on Ault Field. Please call (360) 257-1009 for additional information.

REGION FOUR



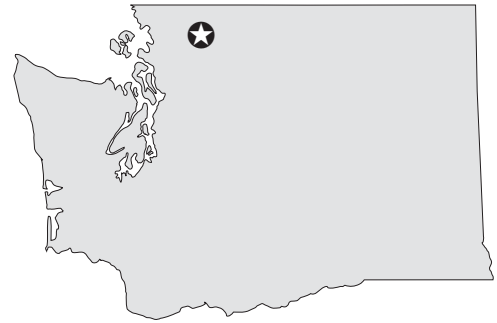
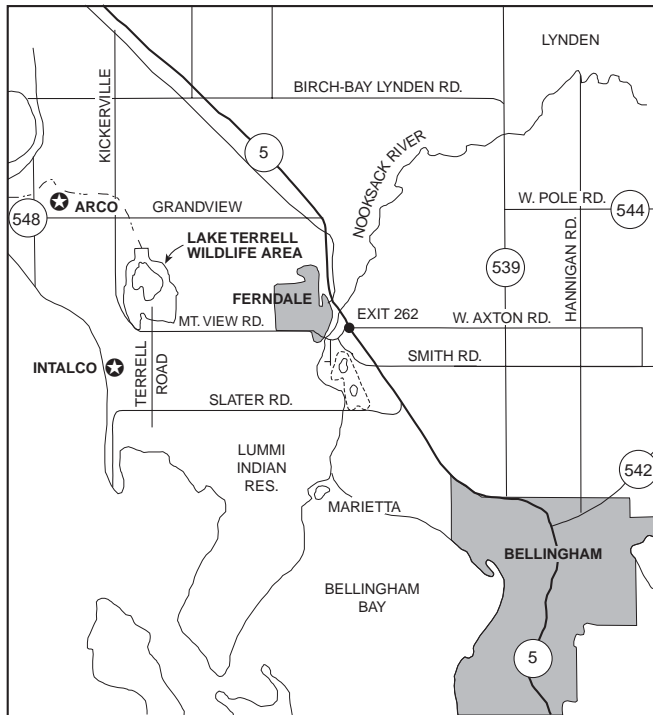
Region 4 Office:

(425) 775-1311

16018 Mill Creek Blvd.

Mill Creek, WA 98102-1296

LAKE TERRELL WILDLIFE AREA

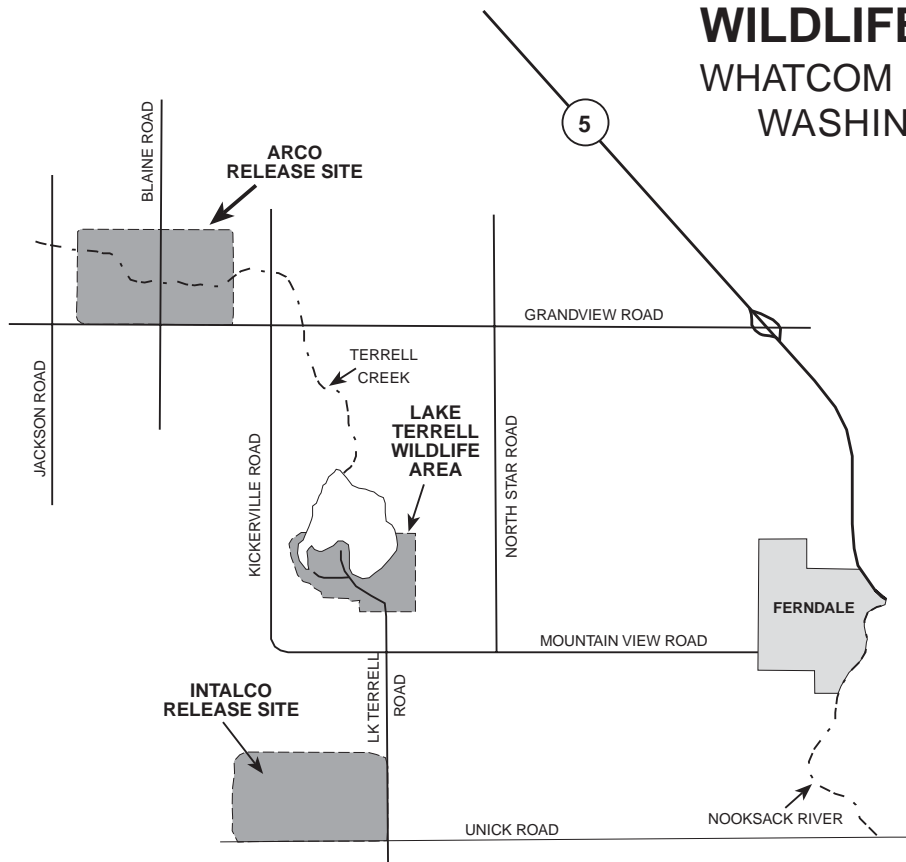


Lake Terrell is located Northwest of Ferndale. Take exit 262 off I-5. Go west on Main St. into Ferndale. Continue on Main St. as it changes into Mountain View Rd. Turn north onto Lake Terrell Road and follow signs to parking areas.

**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED
ON ENTIRE AREA**

Total acreage: ~2700 Ac

LAKE TERRELL WILDLIFE AREA WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

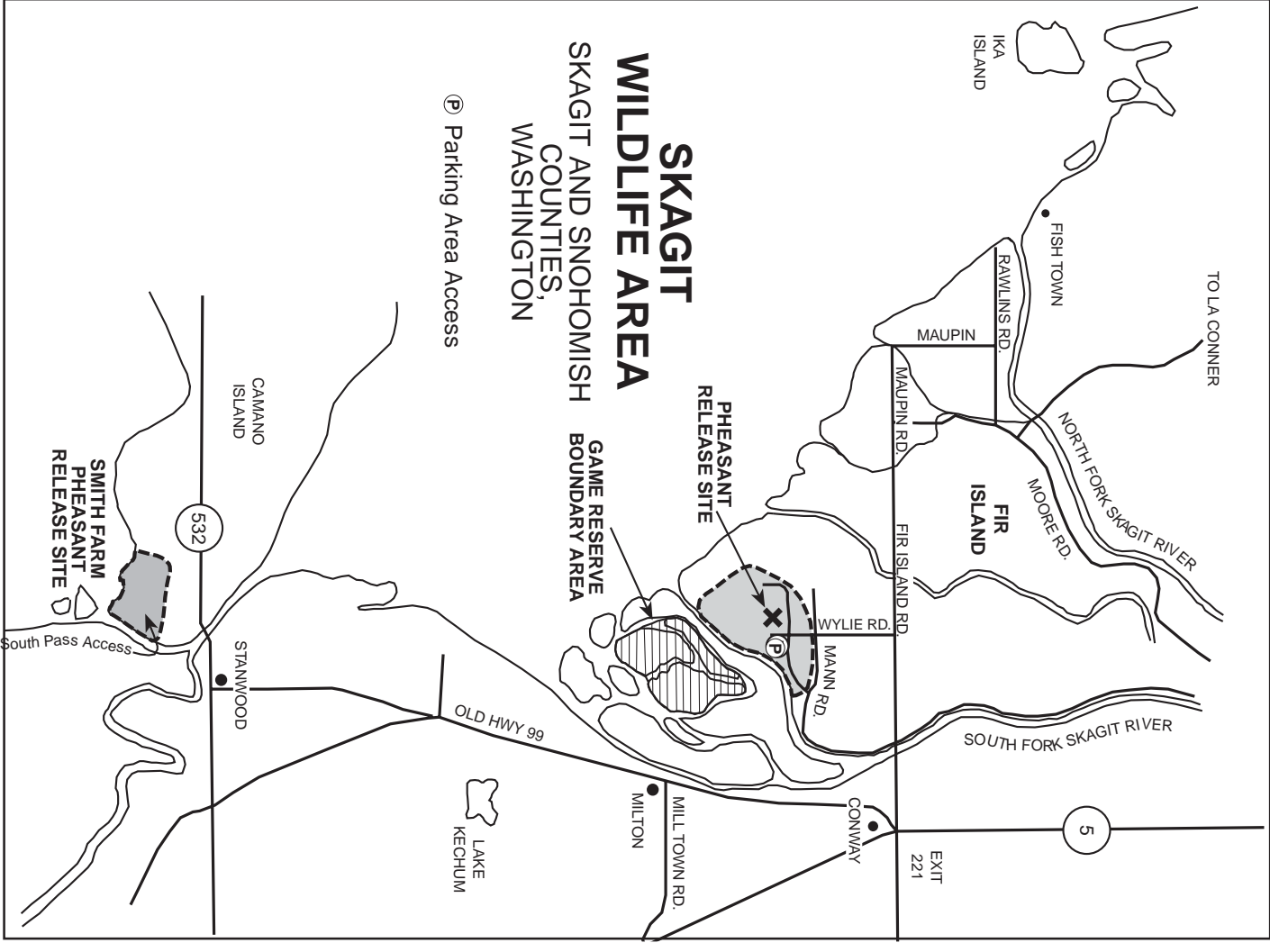
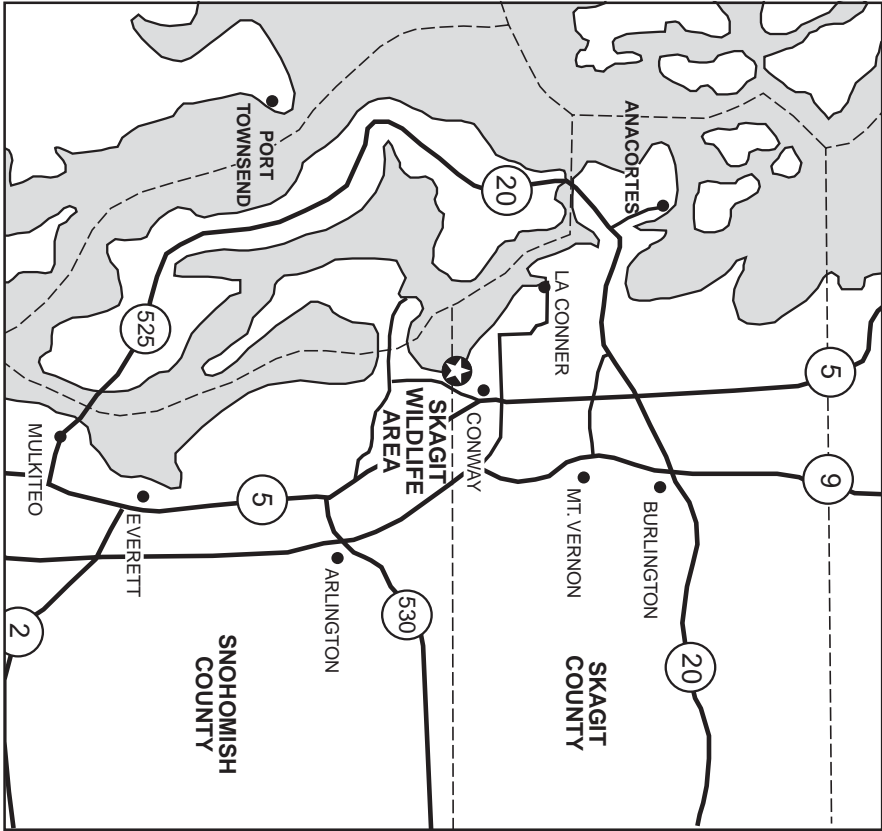


SKAGIT WILDLIFE AREA



The **Skagit Wildlife Area** is located approximately 6 miles south of Mt. Vernon. Heading north or south on I-5, take the Conway/La Conner

exit (#221) and travel west through Conway on Fir Island Road. Turn left on Wylie Road and proceed south one mile to reach the headquarters complex. To reach the **Smith Farm** unit, take Highway 532 west from I-5, go through Stanwood and head south on the South Pass Access. **NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA**
Total acreage: ~250Ac

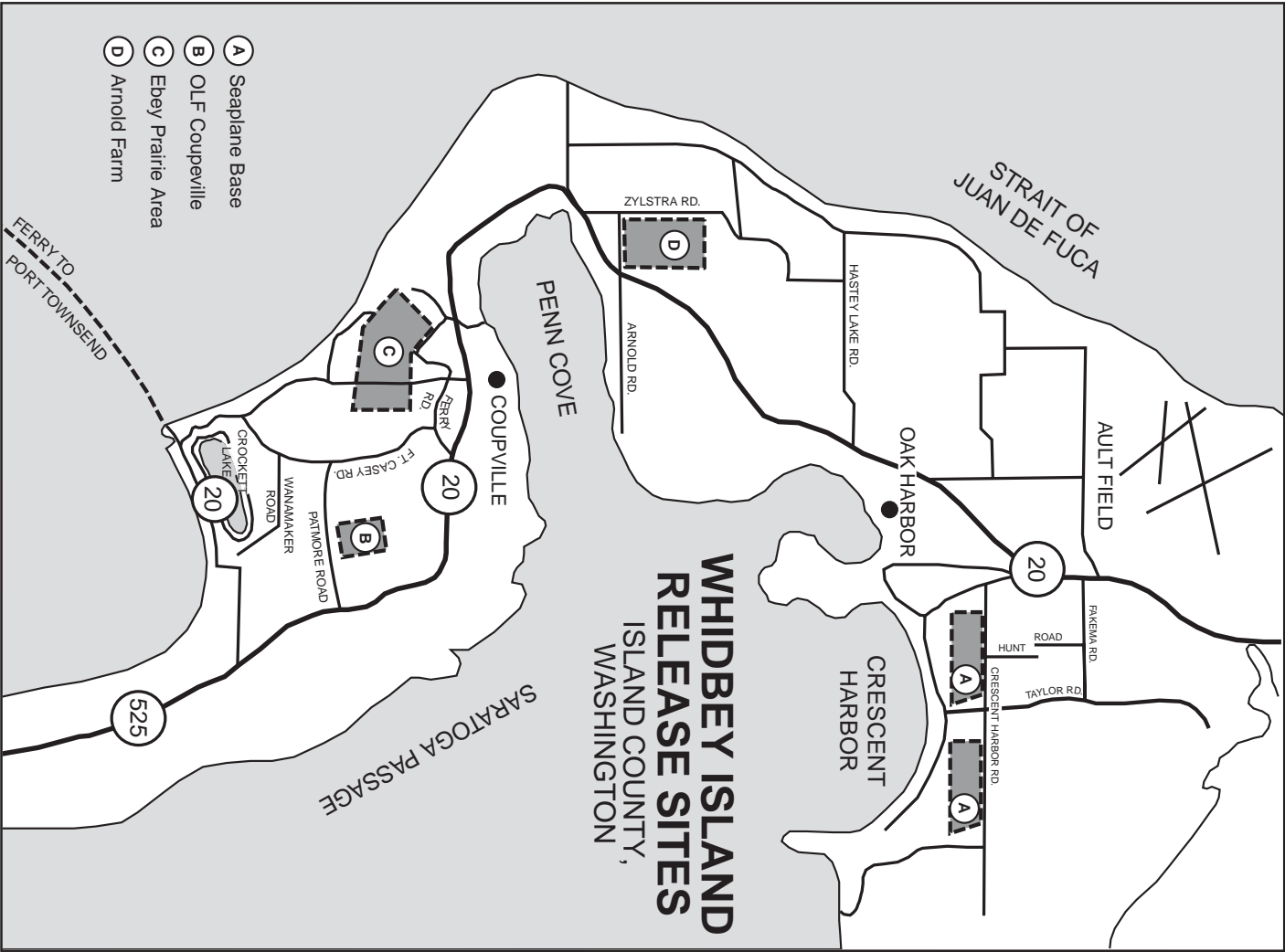
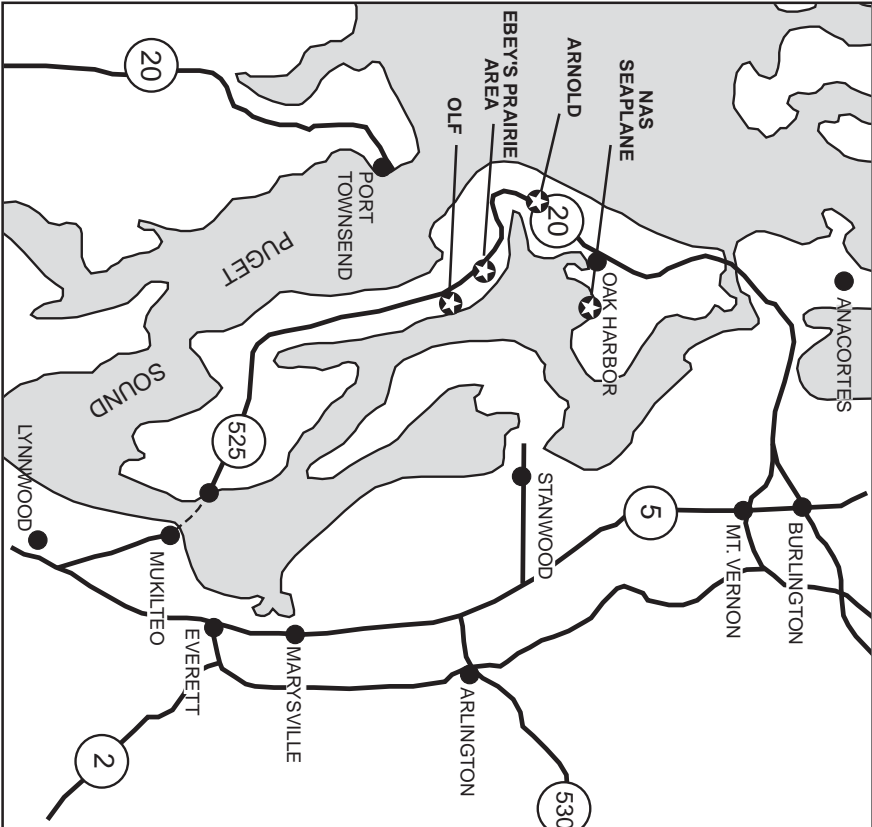


WHIDBEY ISLAND RELEASE SITES



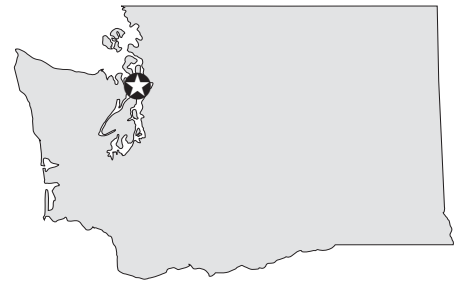
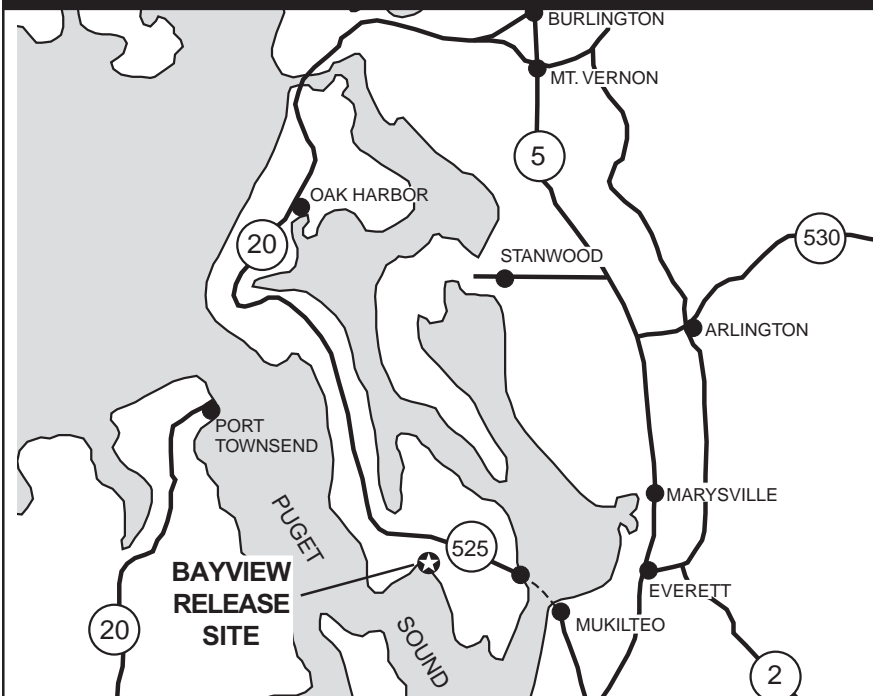
All of the release sites on Whidbey Island are adjacent to Highway 20 and Highway 525. Please contact the Naval Air Station at (360) 257-1009 prior to hunting at SeaPlane Base or OLF Coupeville

Total acreage: ~600 Ac



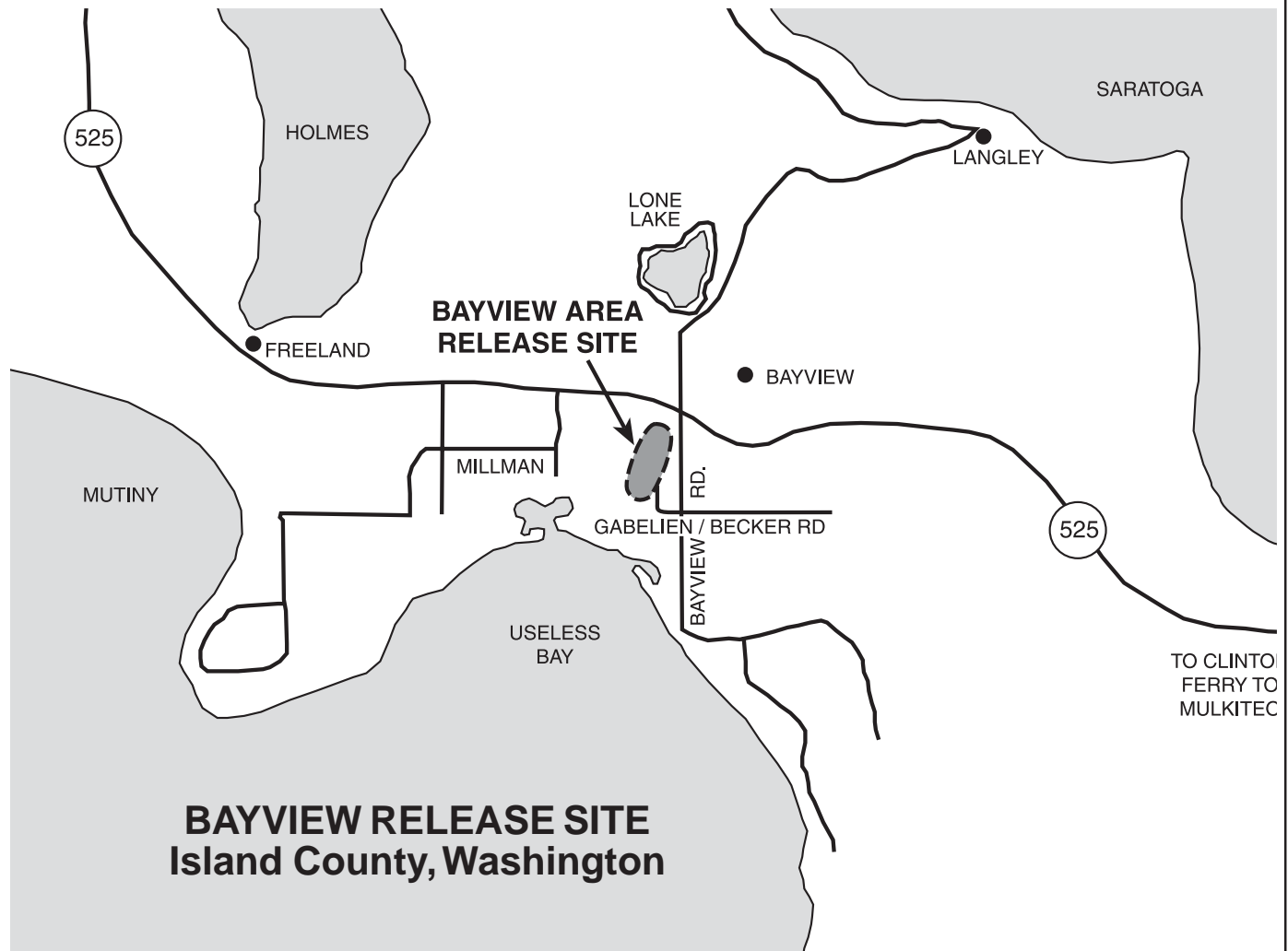
REGION 4

WHIDBEY ISLAND RELEASE SITE



From Highway 525, go west on Bayview Road .8 miles. Turn right on Gabelien/Becker Road. Bear to the right down Gabelien Road and park in the field next to the farm's equipment storage area.

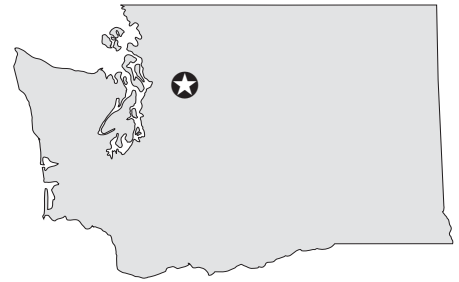
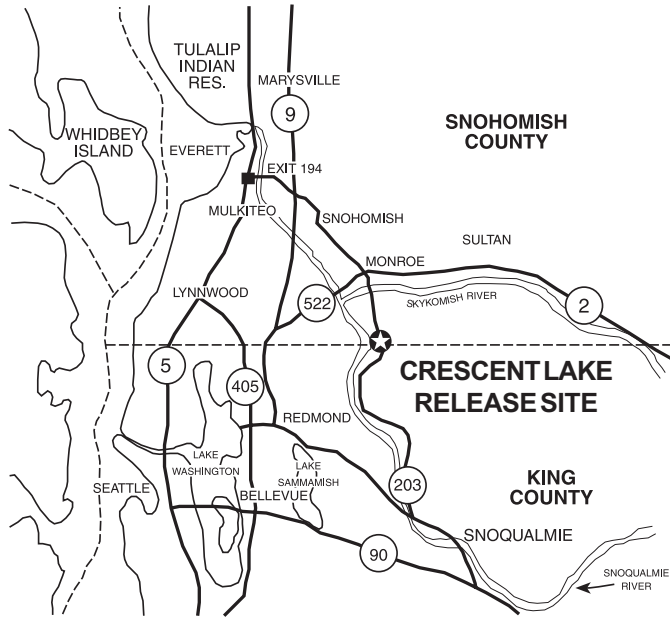
Total acreage: ~50 Ac



BAYVIEW RELEASE SITE
Island County, Washington

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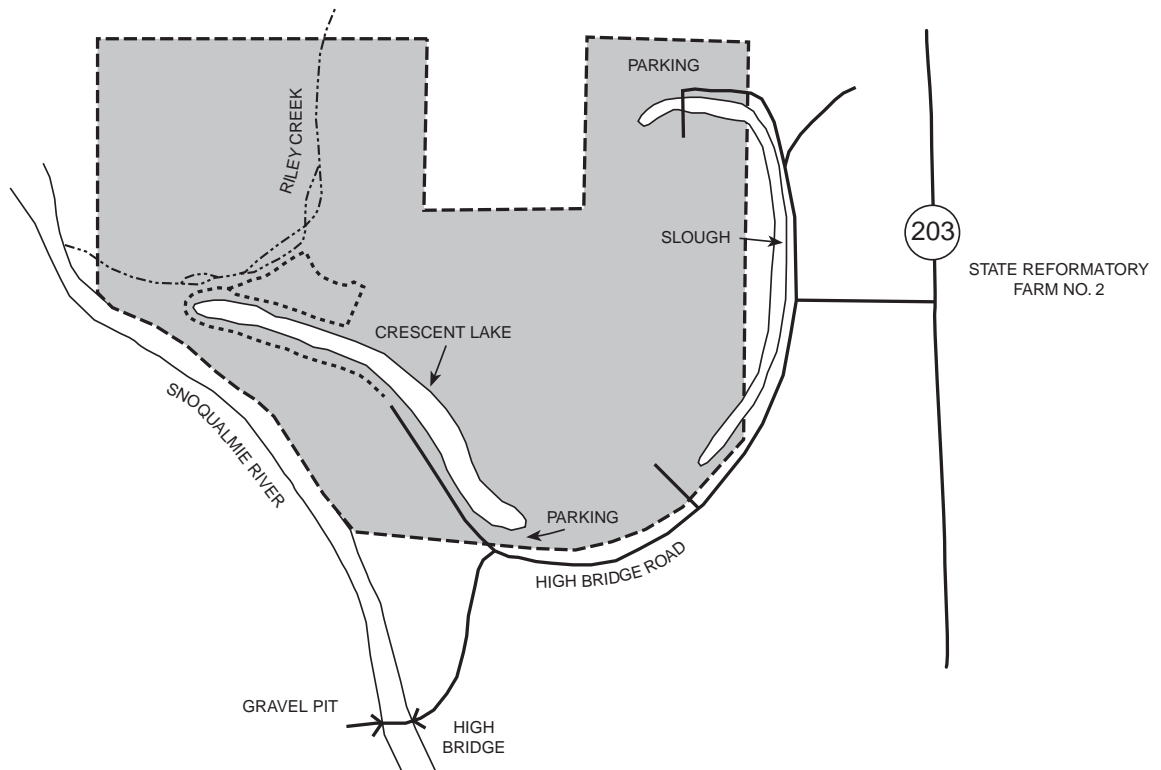
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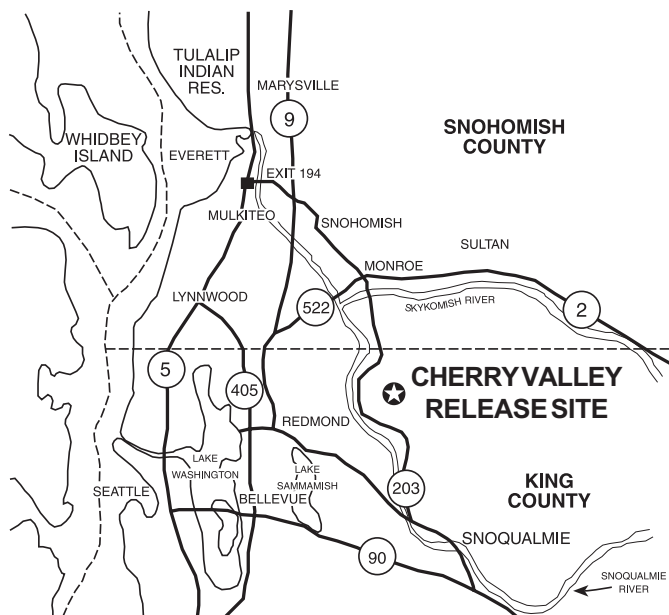
The Crescent Lake Unit of Snoqualmie Wildlife Area is located between Duvall and Monroe on S.R. 203. The release site may be found by turning at the State Reformatory Farm #2 and traveling west onto High Bridge Road.

**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED
ON ENTIRE AREA**
Total acreage: ~380 Ac

CRESCENT LAKE UNIT SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA Snohomish County, Washington



SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA

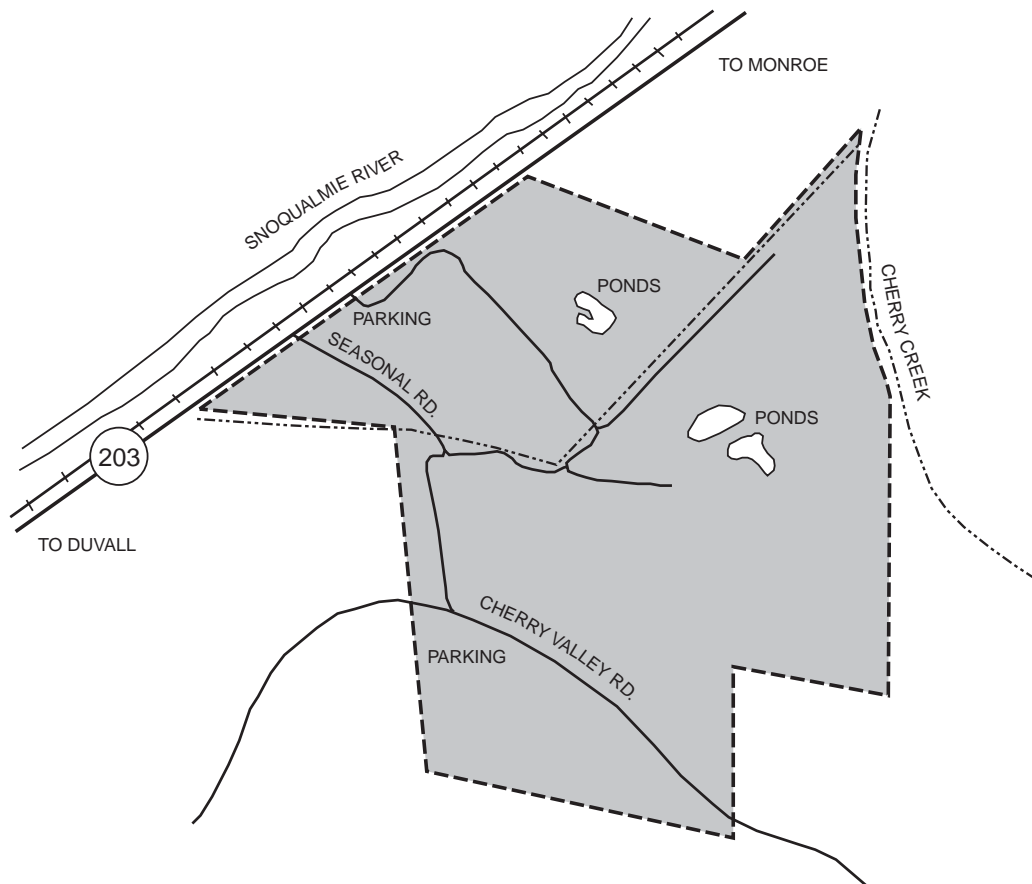


The Cherry Valley Unit is located north of Duvall on State Route 203. The parking lot is marked with a sign on State Route 203. Alternate access to the site is provided on the Cherry Valley Road.

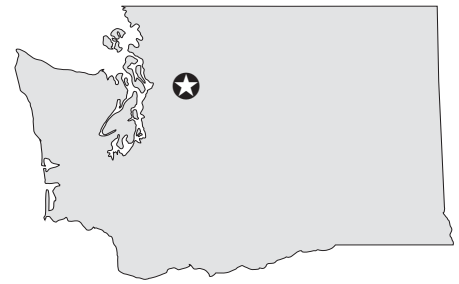
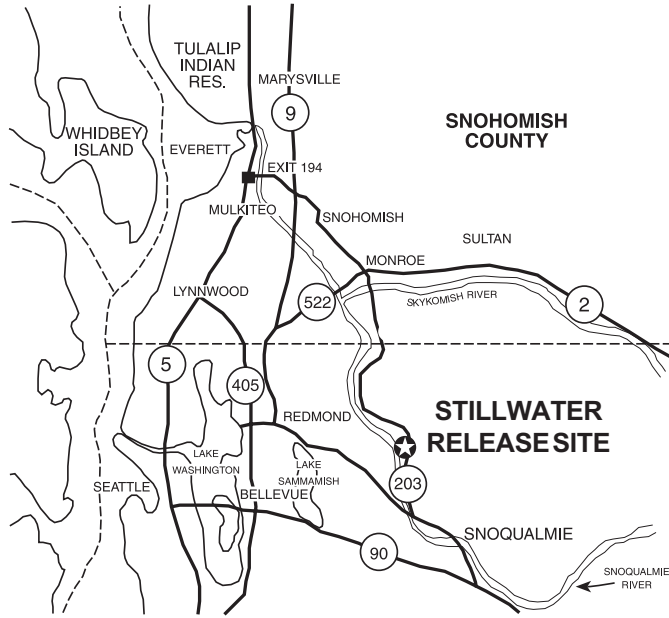
**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED
ON ENTIRE AREA**

Total acreage: ~300 Ac w/Stillwater

CHERRY VALLEY UNIT SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA King County, Washington



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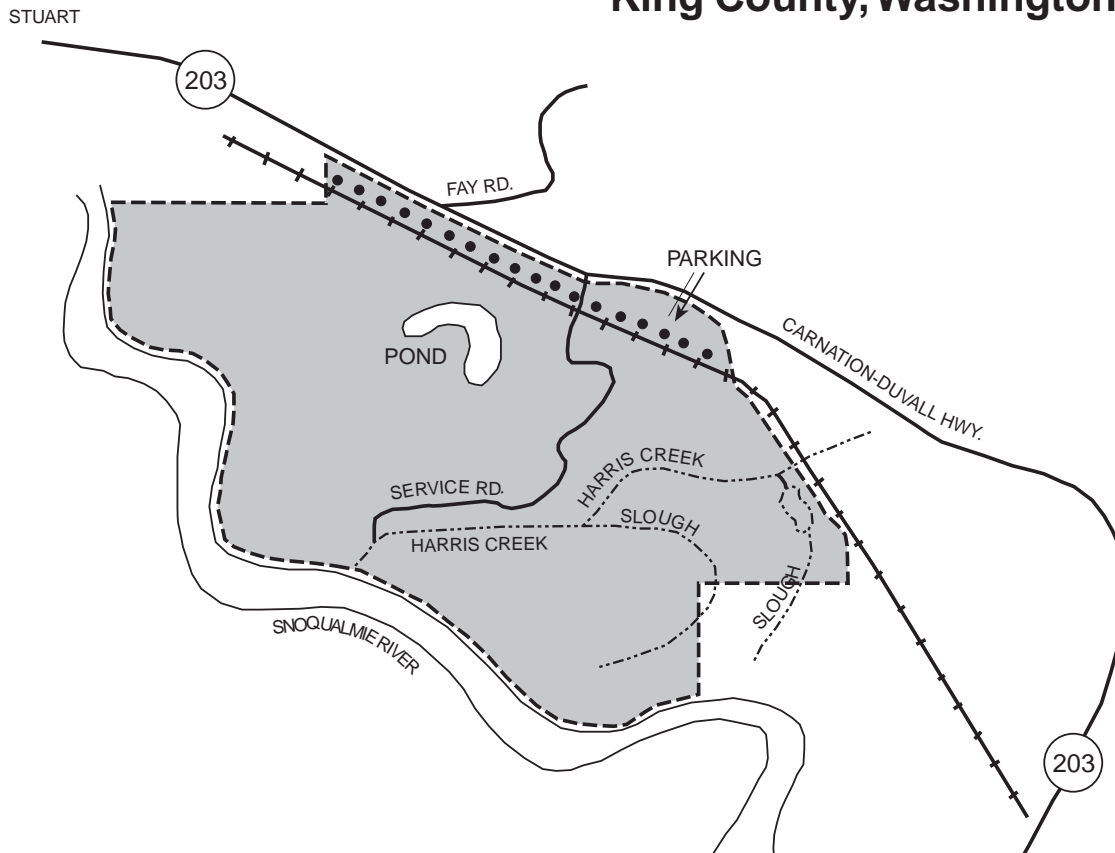


The Stillwater Unit is located on State Route 203, north of Carnation. Parking lots are accessed directly from State Route 203.

**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED
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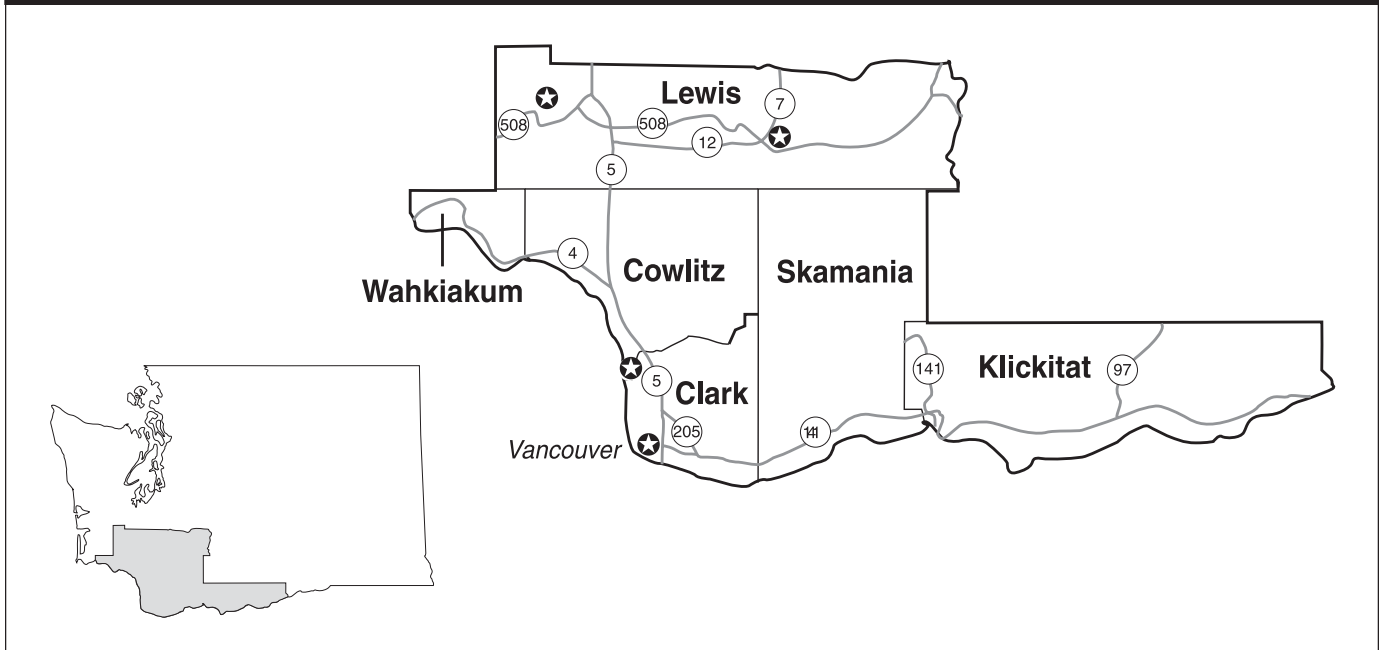
Total acreage: ~300 Ac w/Cherry Valley

STILLWATER UNIT SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA King County, Washington



REGION FIVE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

REGION FIVE



Several of the pheasant release sites in Region Five have been adopted by volunteers. The most noted is the Vancouver Wildlife League. They have been associated with many wildlife projects in the Vancouver area and handle much of the pheasant release program on the Shillapoo and Vancouver Lake sites. These sites receive very high use because of their popularity and proximity to Vancouver.

Such sites as Lincoln Creek, and Woodland Bottoms receive lighter pressure, but still receive some mid week releases early in the hunting season. The remaining sites are used by fewer hunters overall and releases mainly occur for weekend hunting. Maps for smaller sites or sites that move frequently are available from the Department's Vancouver office.

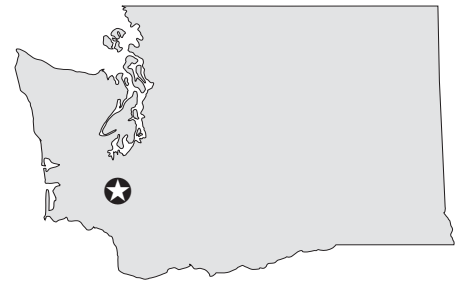
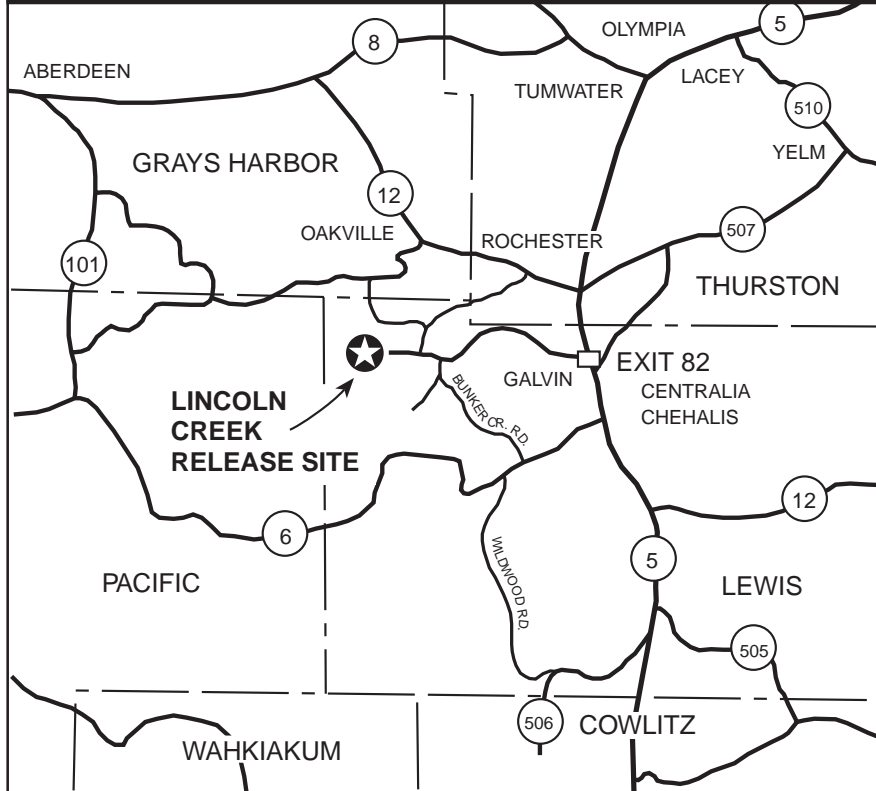
REMINDER: Turn in all western Washington Upland Bird permits (punch cards) when you are through hunting for the year, but at least by December 31. All pheasants harvested must be recorded on the permit.

Region 5 Office:
(360) 696-6211
2108 Grand Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98661



REGION 5

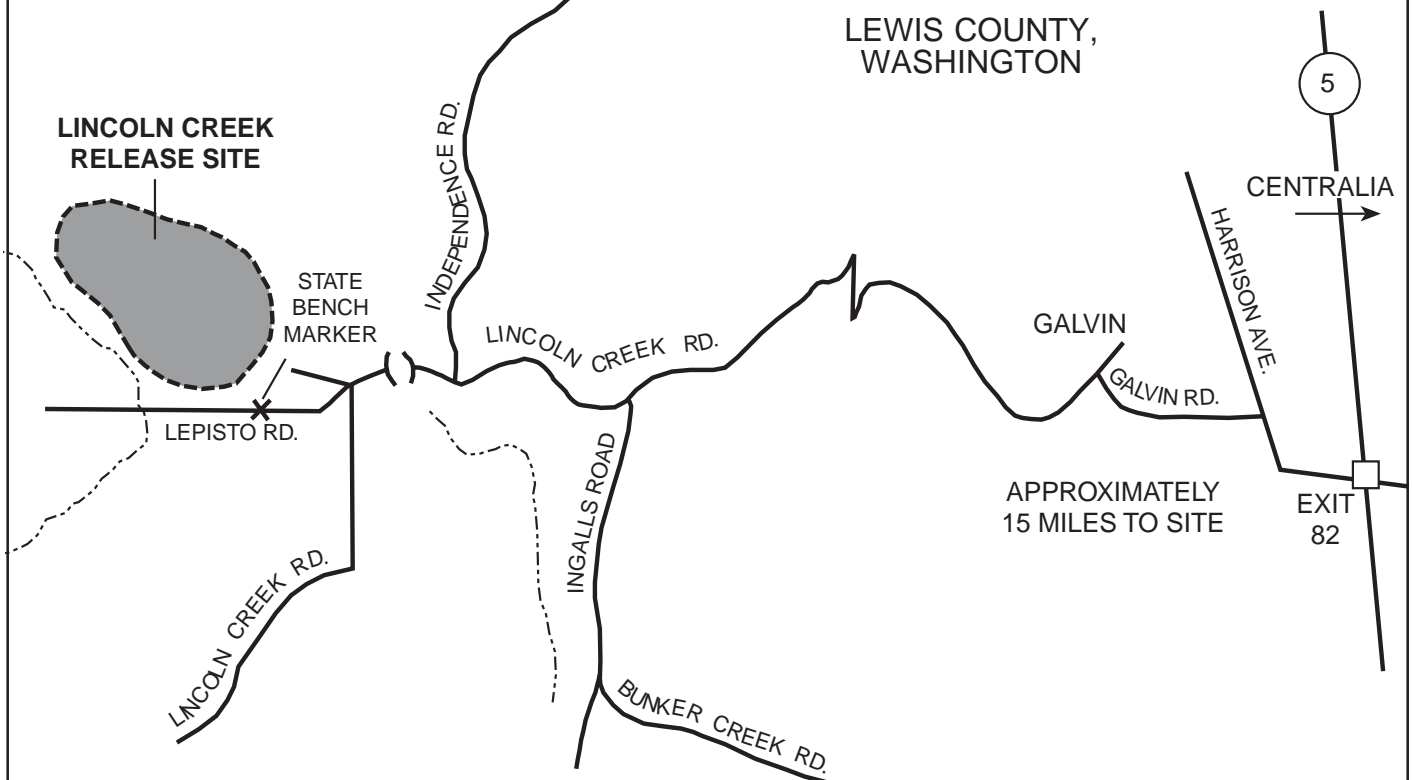
LINCOLN CREEK RELEASE SITE



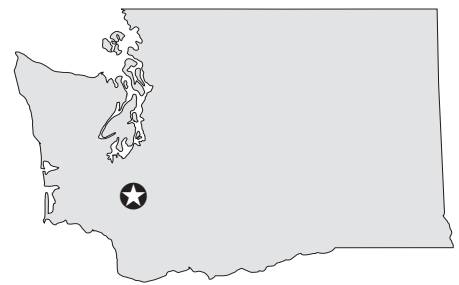
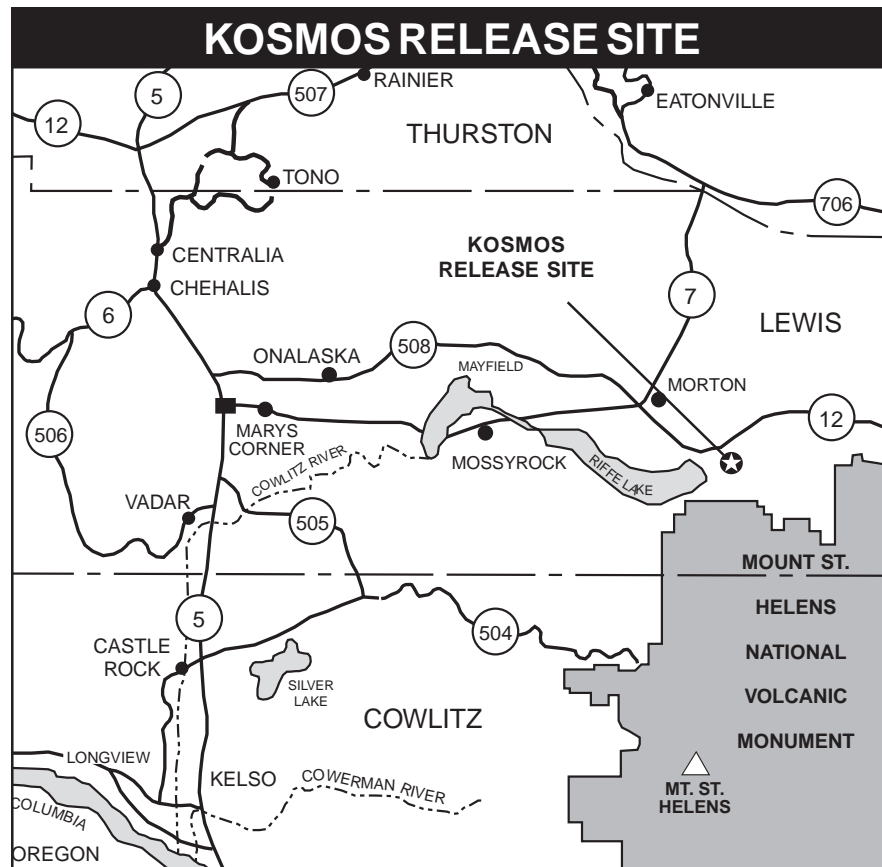
To find the Lincoln Creek release site, head west from exit 82 off I-5 to Galvin Road. Proceed west on Lincoln Creek Road to Lepisto Road and the release site. The Lincoln Creek Site is approximately 300 acres.

LINCOLN CREEK RELEASE SITE, DNR/SCHOOL LANDS

LEWIS COUNTY,
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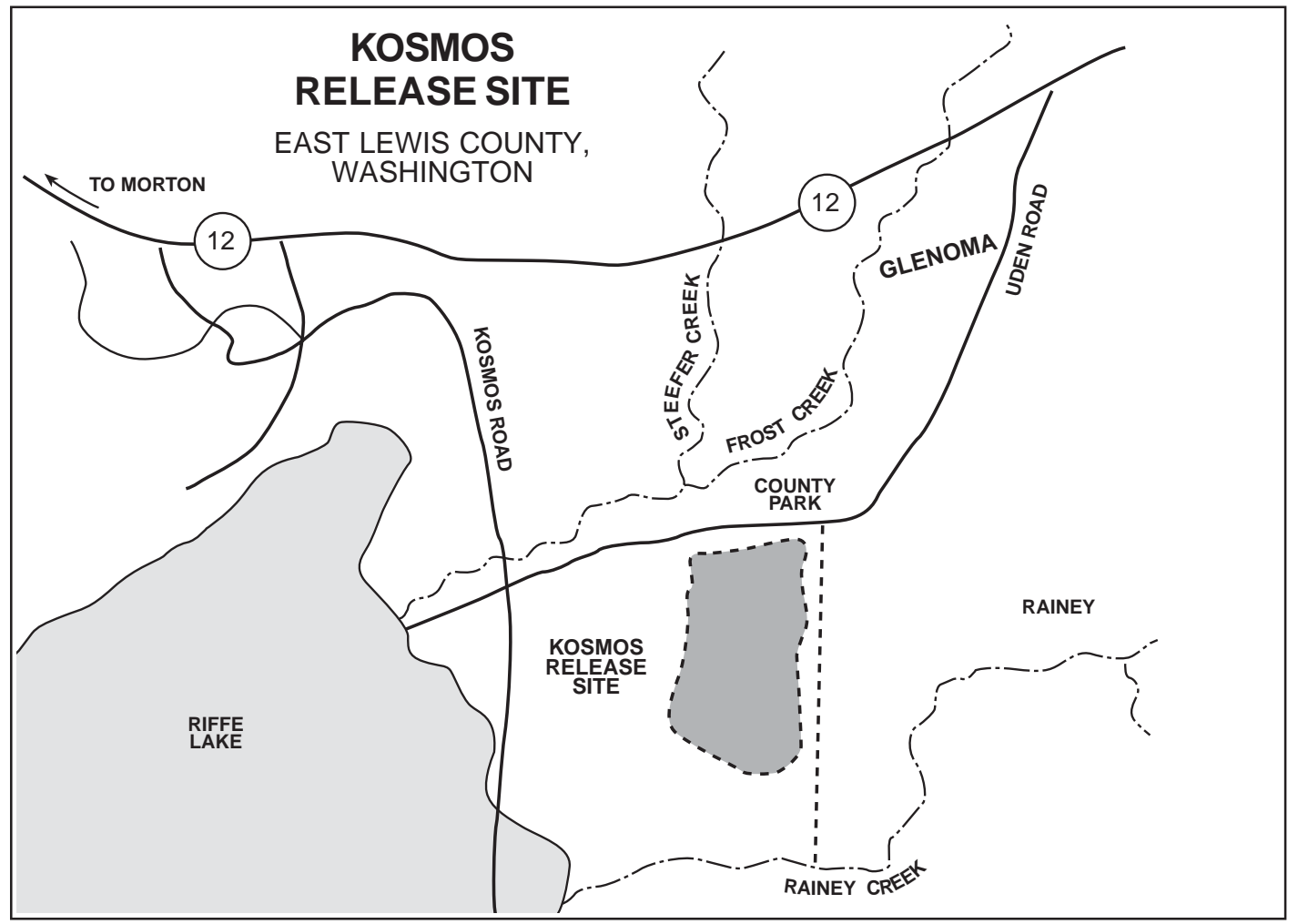


The Kosmos release site is part of the Cowlitz Wildlife Area and may be found by traveling east of Morton on Hwy 12.

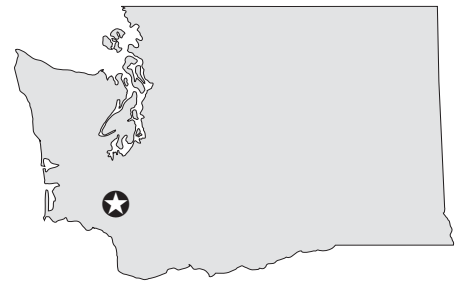
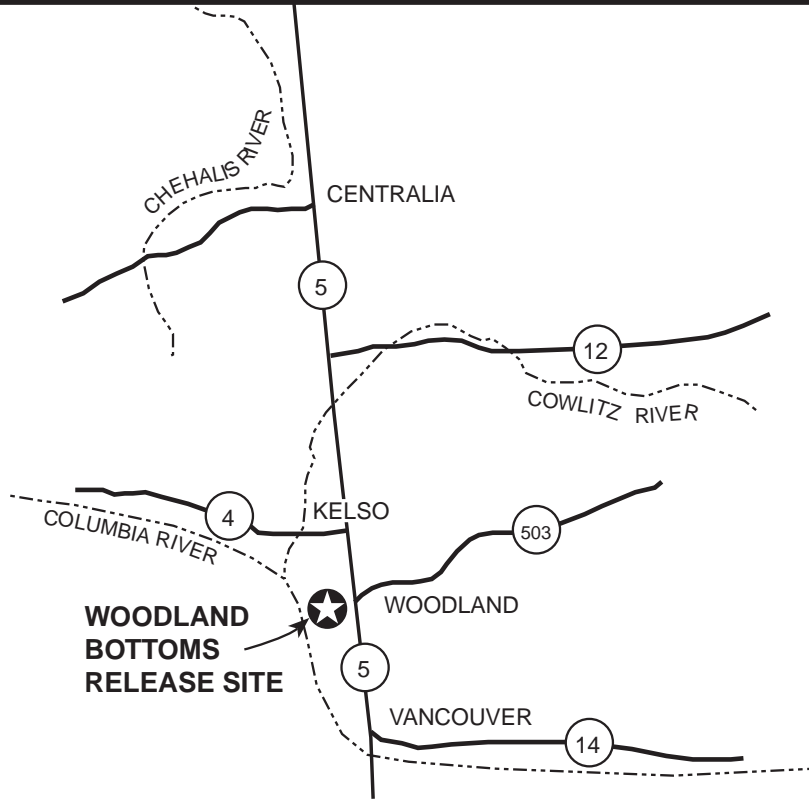
Turn south to town of Glenoma and follow signs to County Park. Release site boundary is marked by signs.

Note: Non-toxic shot is required at this site.

Total acreage: ~325 Ac



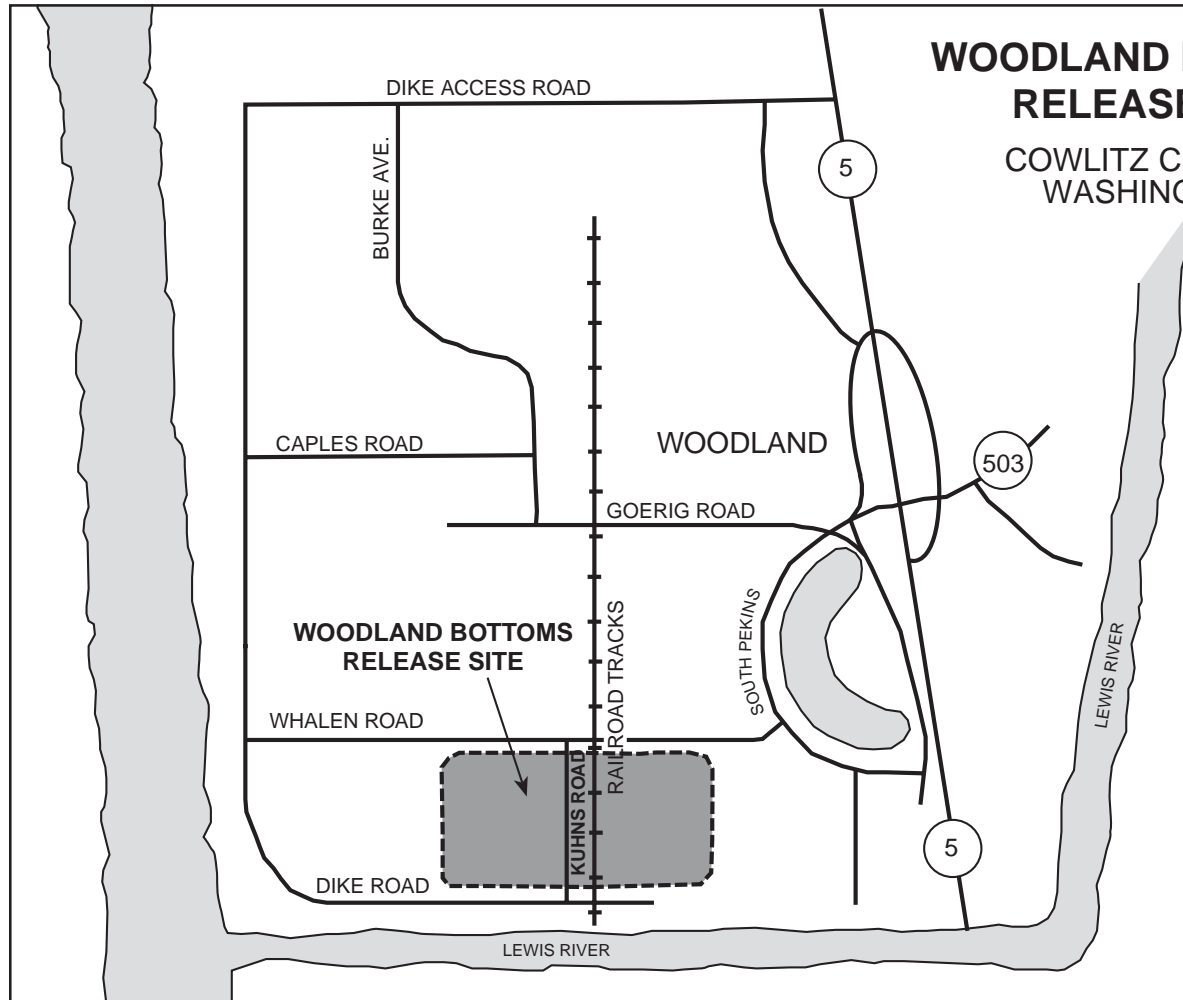
WOODLAND BOTTOMS RELEASE SITE



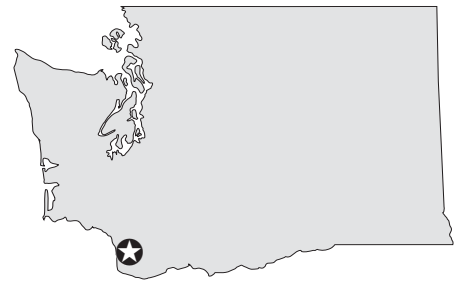
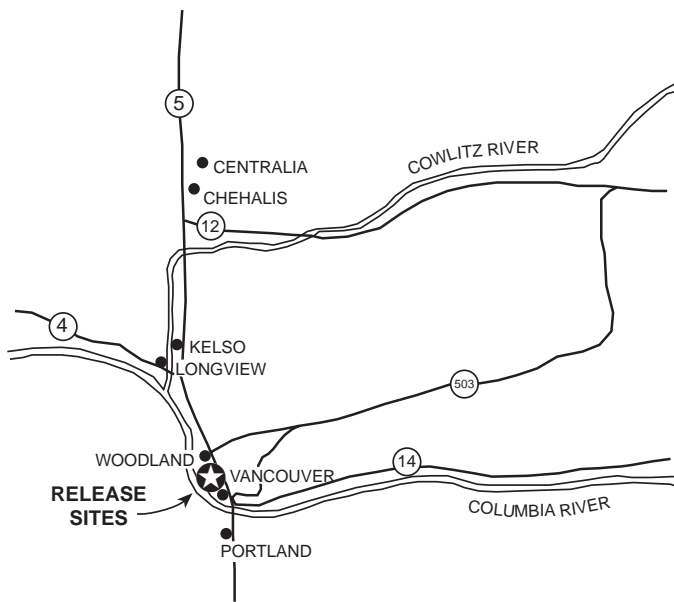
To find the Woodland Bottoms release site, take the Woodland exit (exit 21) off I-5. Head west on Goerig Road and Davidson Ave. Go around Horseshoe Lake on South Pekin Road to Whalen Road. Travel west on Whalen Road, then south on Kuhns Road to the release site. The Woodland Bottoms Release Site is approximately 270 acres.

WOODLAND BOTTOMS RELEASE SITE

COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON

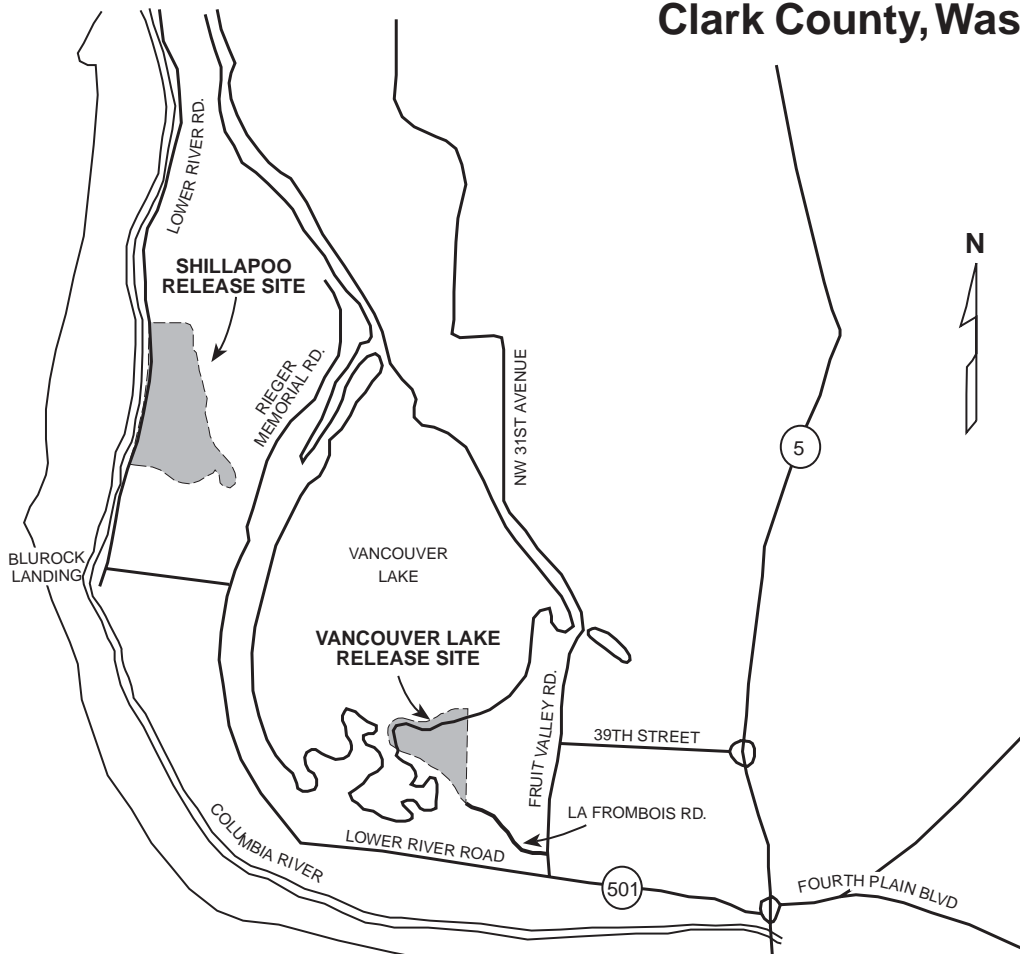


VANCOUVER LAKE AND SHILLAPOO WILDLIFE AREA



To reach both the Vancouver Lake and Shillapoo release sites take the Fourth Plain Blvd. exit (exit #1 D) off I-5. Go west on Fourth Plain Blvd. For the Vancouver Lake release site, head north on Fruit Valley Road, then west on La Frombois Road to the site. For the Shillapoo Release site, stay on Lower River Road to the site. Total acreage is approximately 1450 acres.

VANCOUVER LAKE AND SHILLAPOO WILDLIFE AREAS Clark County, Washington



REGION SIX PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

Volunteers play a significant role in the pheasant release program in Region Six. The Peninsula Bird Hunters handle the Belfair Sites and individual volunteers release birds on the Dungeness Recreation Area, Hunter Farms (private property), Raymond, and Skookumchuck sites.

Scatter Creek, Skookumchuck, and Belfair receive the most hunting pressure and the highest number of released pheasants. Pheasants are released during the middle of the week on these areas.

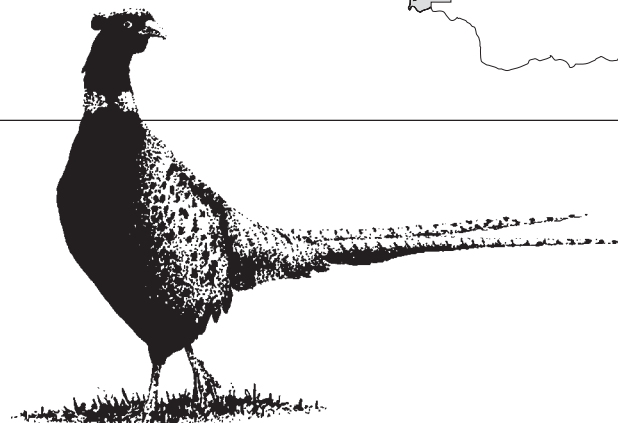
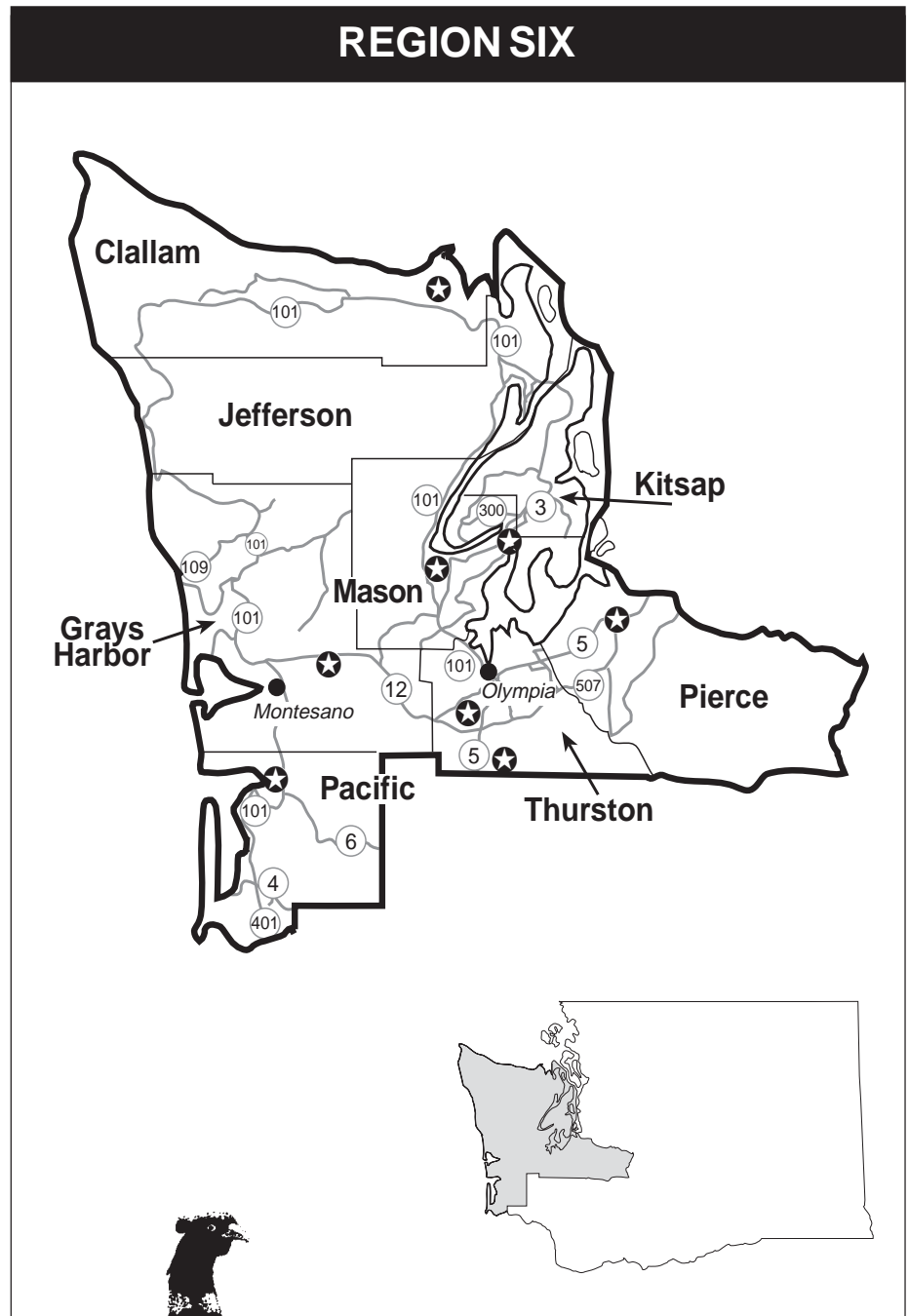
The Dungeness recreation Area Site opens later than most sites to reduce conflicts with other recreational users of the Dungeness Recreational Area. For additional information contact the Region Six Office.

Nontoxic shot is required on the Dungeness and Chehalis River release sites.

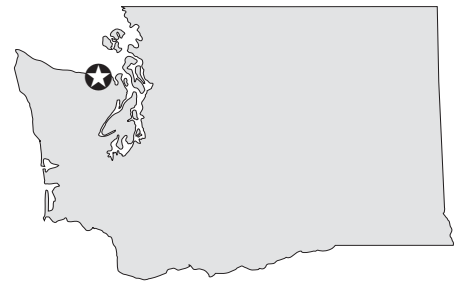
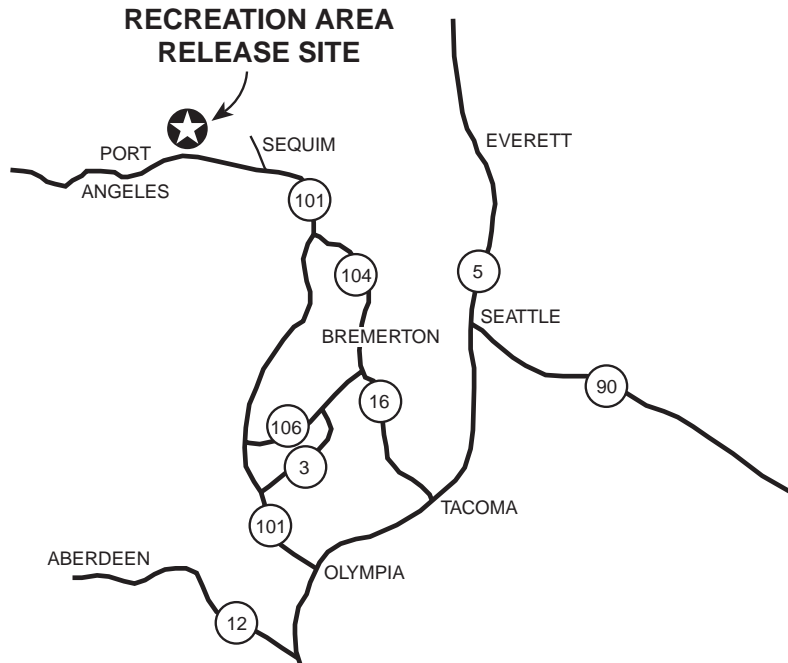
At the Scatter Creek release site, hunters must choose to hunt on either odd numbered or even numbered weekend days from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Youth hunters may hunt on either day.

Region 6 Office:

(360) 249-4628
48 Devonshire Road
Montesano, WA 98563



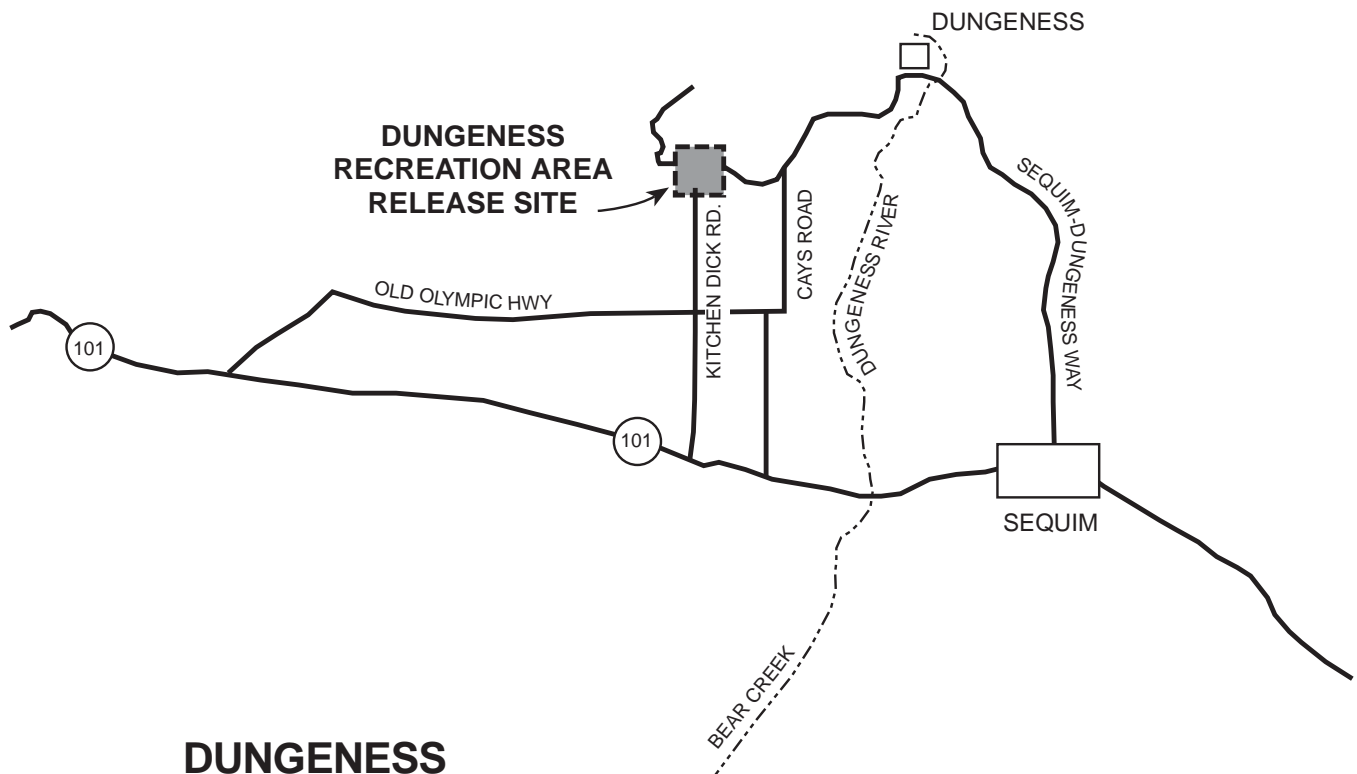
DUNGENESS RECREATION AREA



The easiest way to find the Dungeness Recreation Area release site is to follow the signs from Hwy 101 to the Dungeness Recreation Area until you see the release site signs.

**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED
ON ENTIRE AREA**

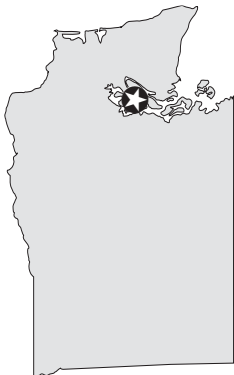
Total acreage: ~150 Ac



DUNGENESS RECREATION AREA RELEASE SITE

CLALLAM COUNTY,
WASHINGTON

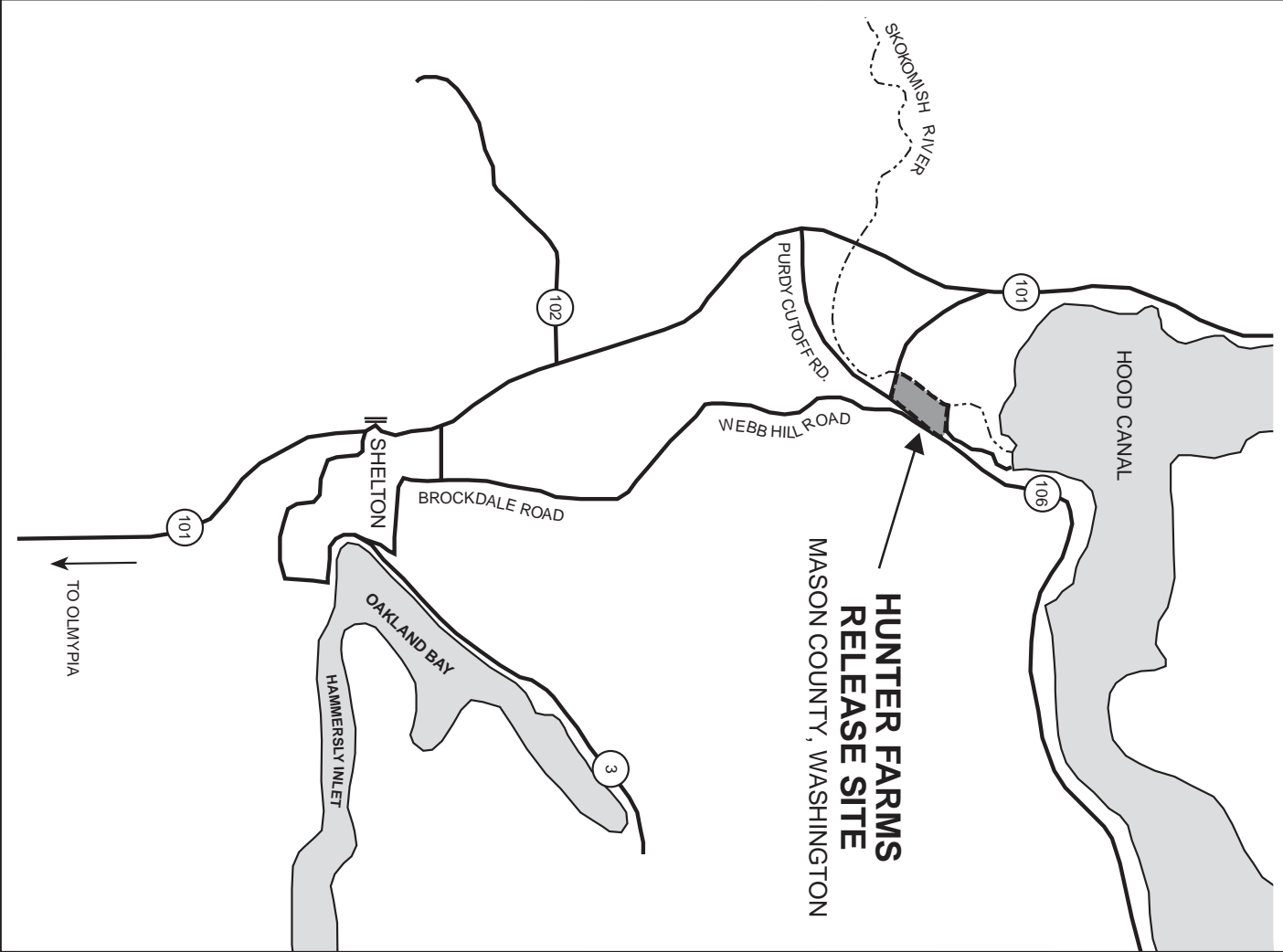
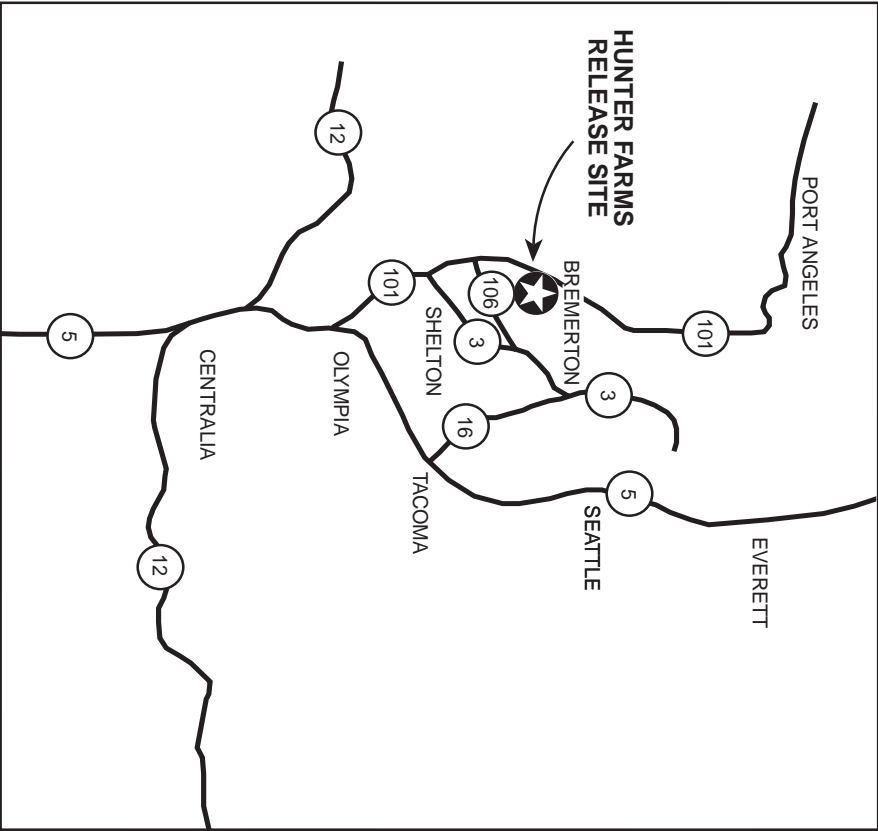
HUNTER FARMS RELEASE SITE



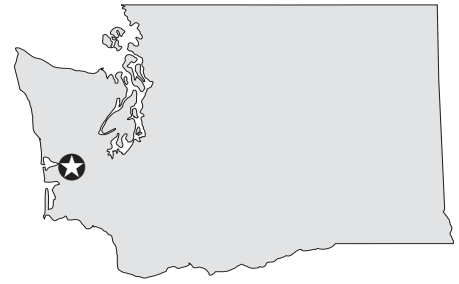
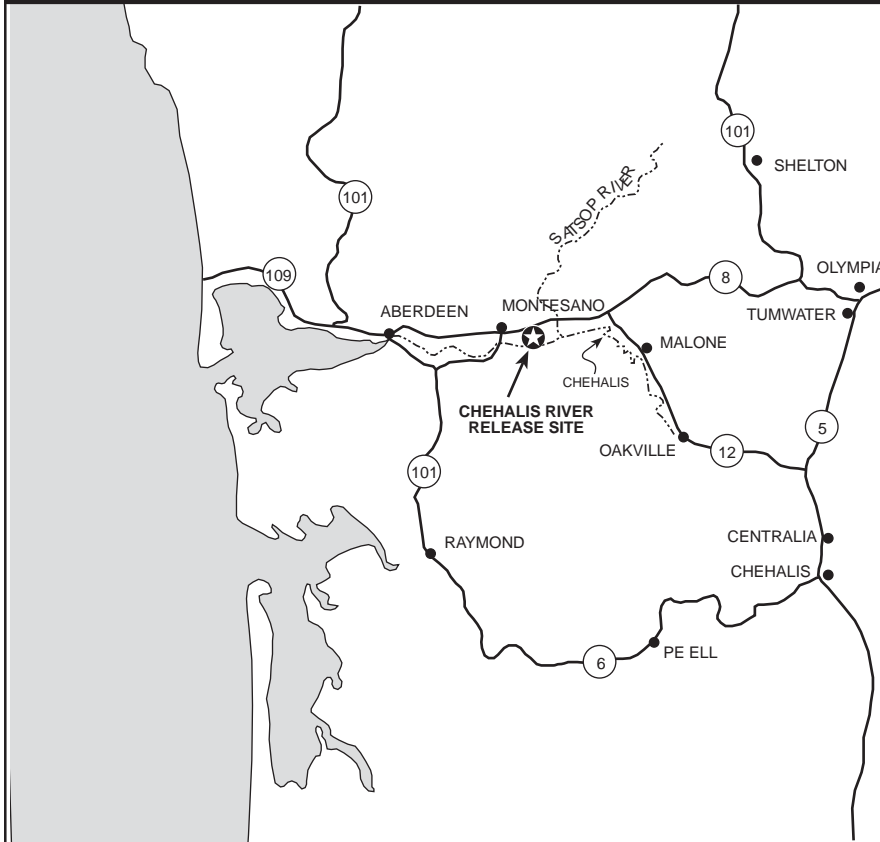
out of Shelton. Take Purdy Cutoff Road to the east. The release site is at the intersection of Hwy 106 and Purdy Cutoff Road.

To reach the Hunter Farms Release Site, travel north on Hwy 101

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA
Total acreage: ~200 Ac



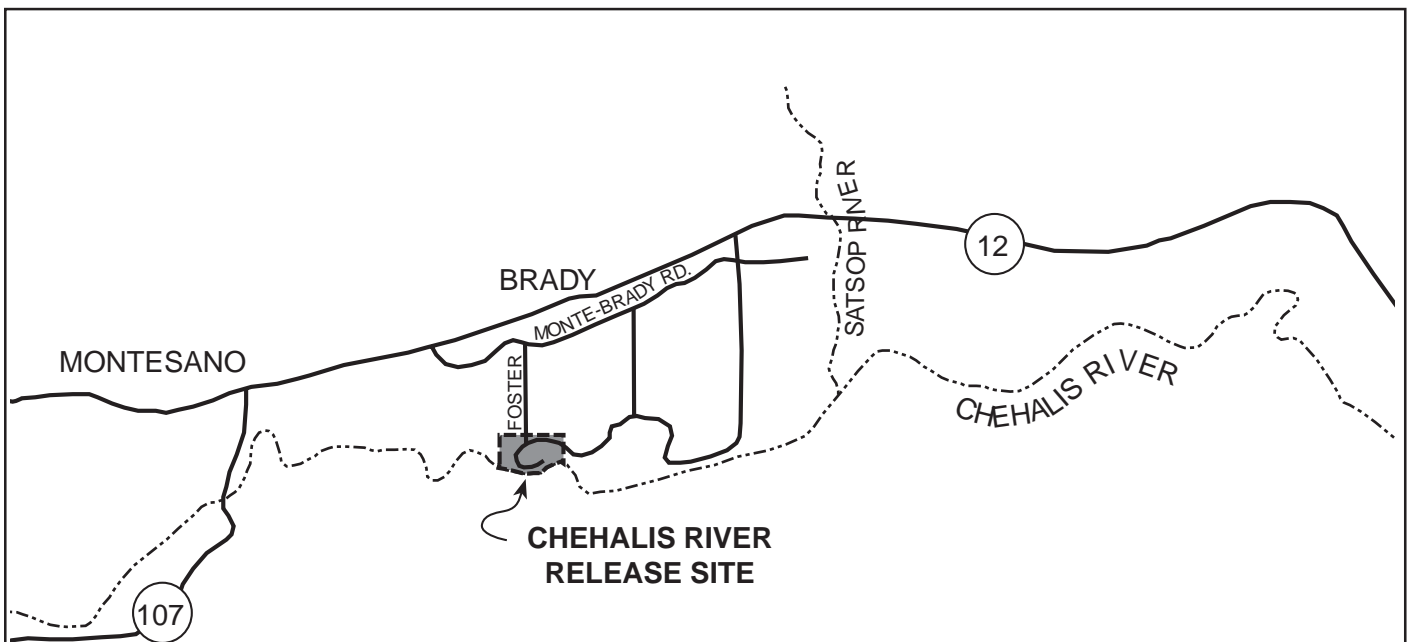
CHEHALIS RIVER RELEASE SITE



From I-5 go west on Hwy 12.
After crossing Satsop River turn
left at Brady onto Monte-Brady
Rd. Go south and west on the
Monte-Brady Rd. to Foster Rd.
Go 1.6 miles on the Foster Rd.
and Brady Loop Rd. to the
release site.

**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED
ON ENTIRE AREA**

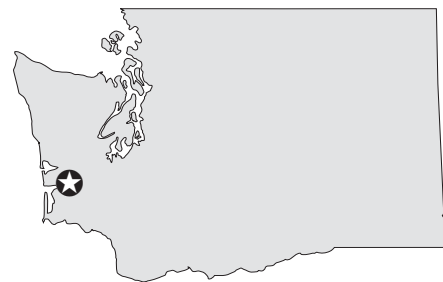
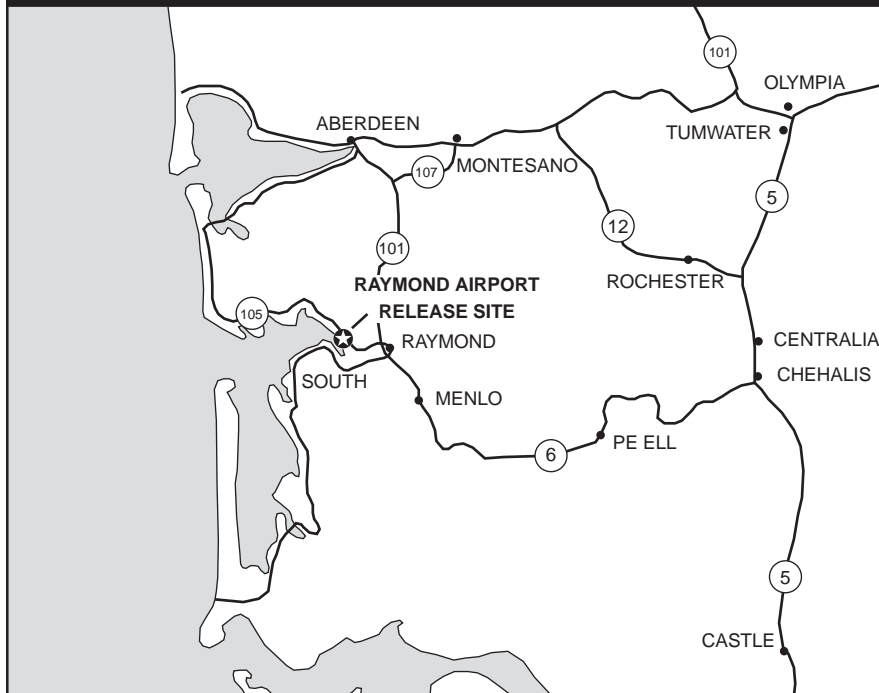
Total acreage: ~620 Ac



CHEHALIS RIVER RELEASE SITE

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY,
WASHINGTON

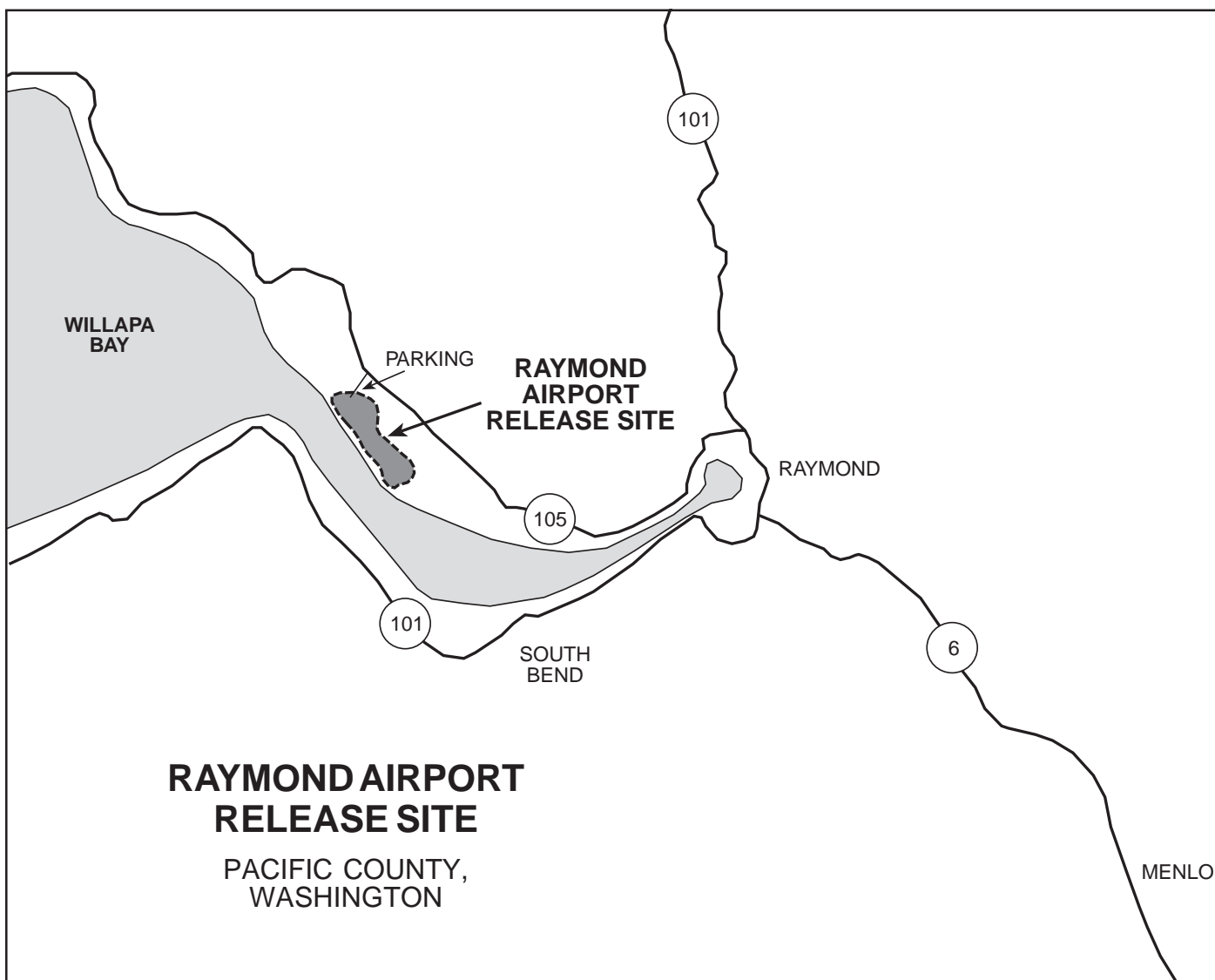
RAYMOND AIRPORT RELEASE SITE



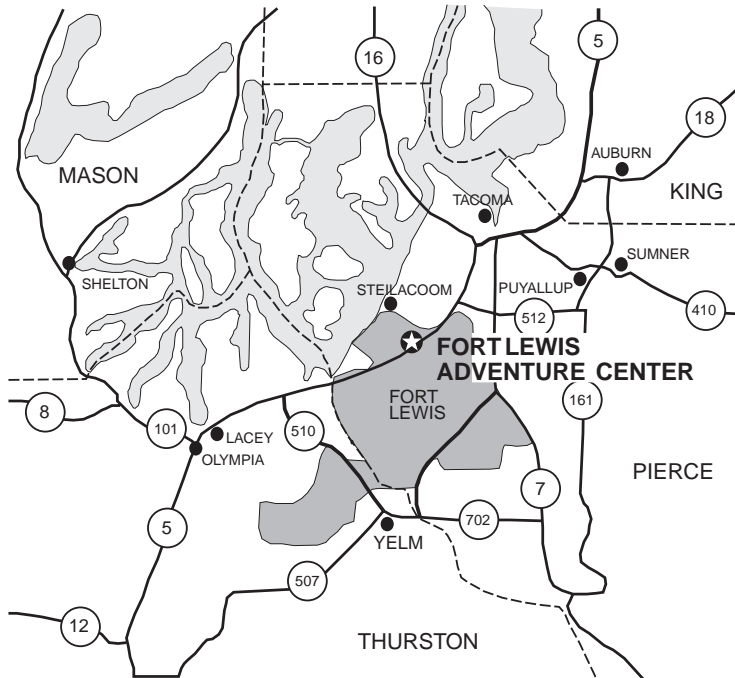
To get to the Raymond Airport release site, go north on Hwy 105 out of Raymond and follow signs to the Willapa Harbor (Raymond) Airport.

**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED
ON ENTIRE AREA**

Total acreage: ~300 Ac

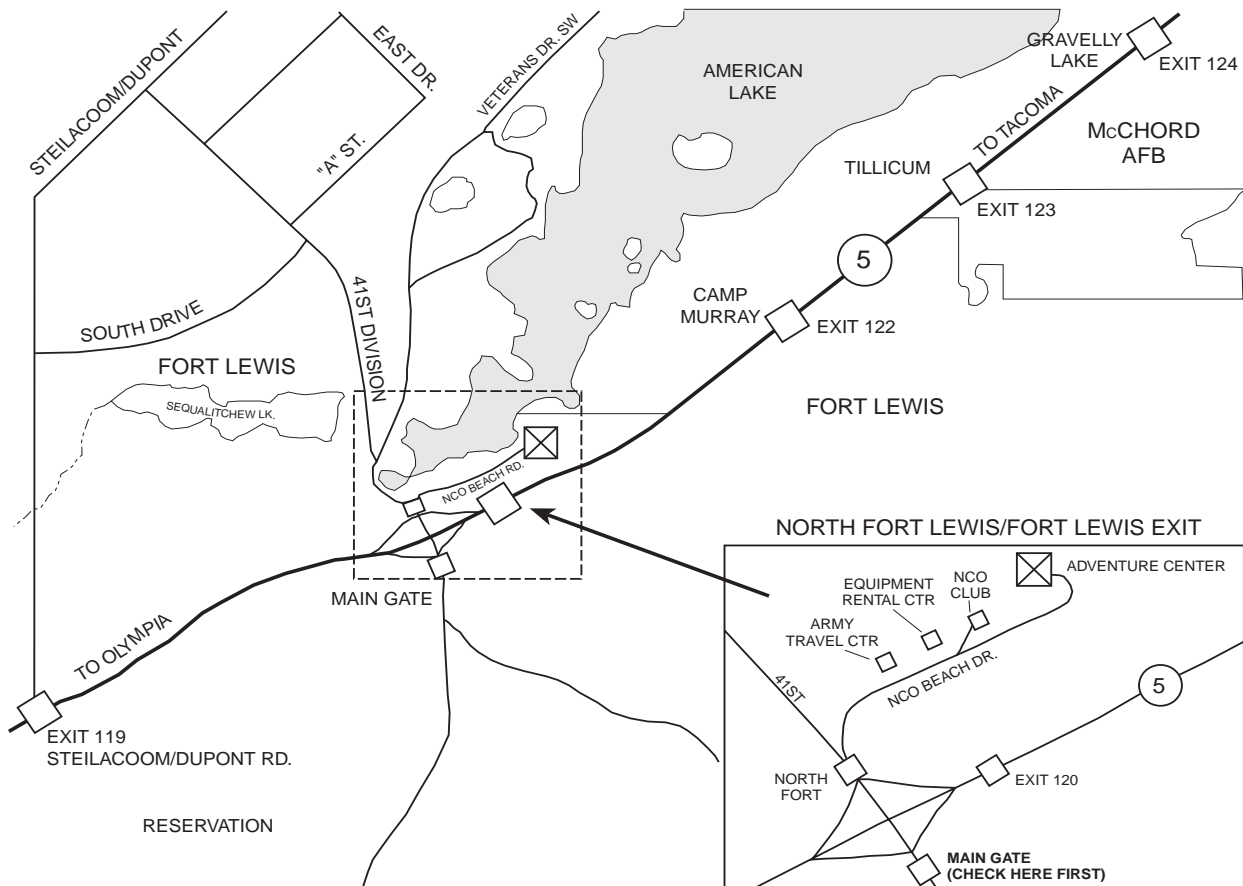


FORT LEWIS RELEASE PROGRAM



To sign in for a release site on Fort Lewis you must contact the Adventure Center [phone: (253) 967-8260 or 967-8295].

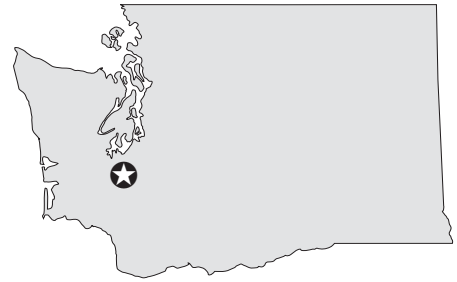
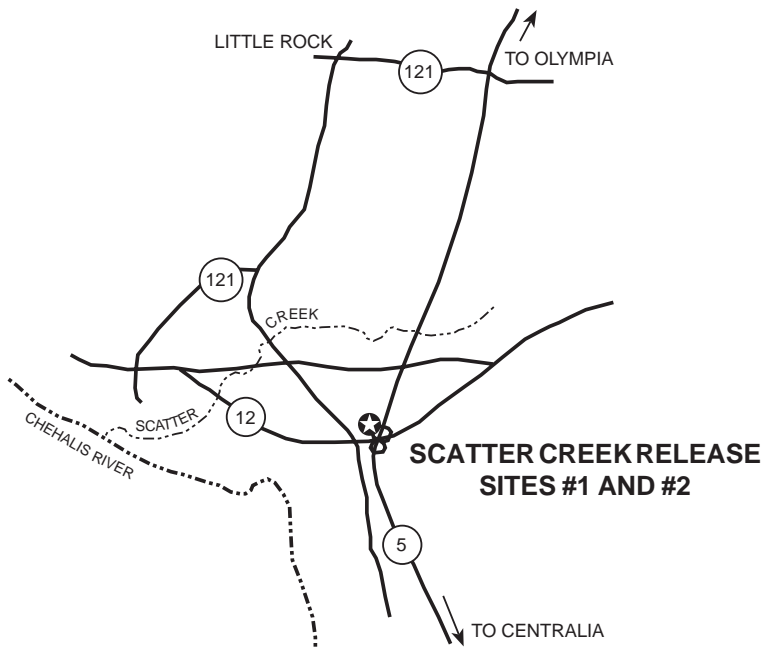
Total acreage: ~1850 Ac



FORT LEWIS ADVENTURE CENTER

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SCATTER CREEK RELEASE SITE

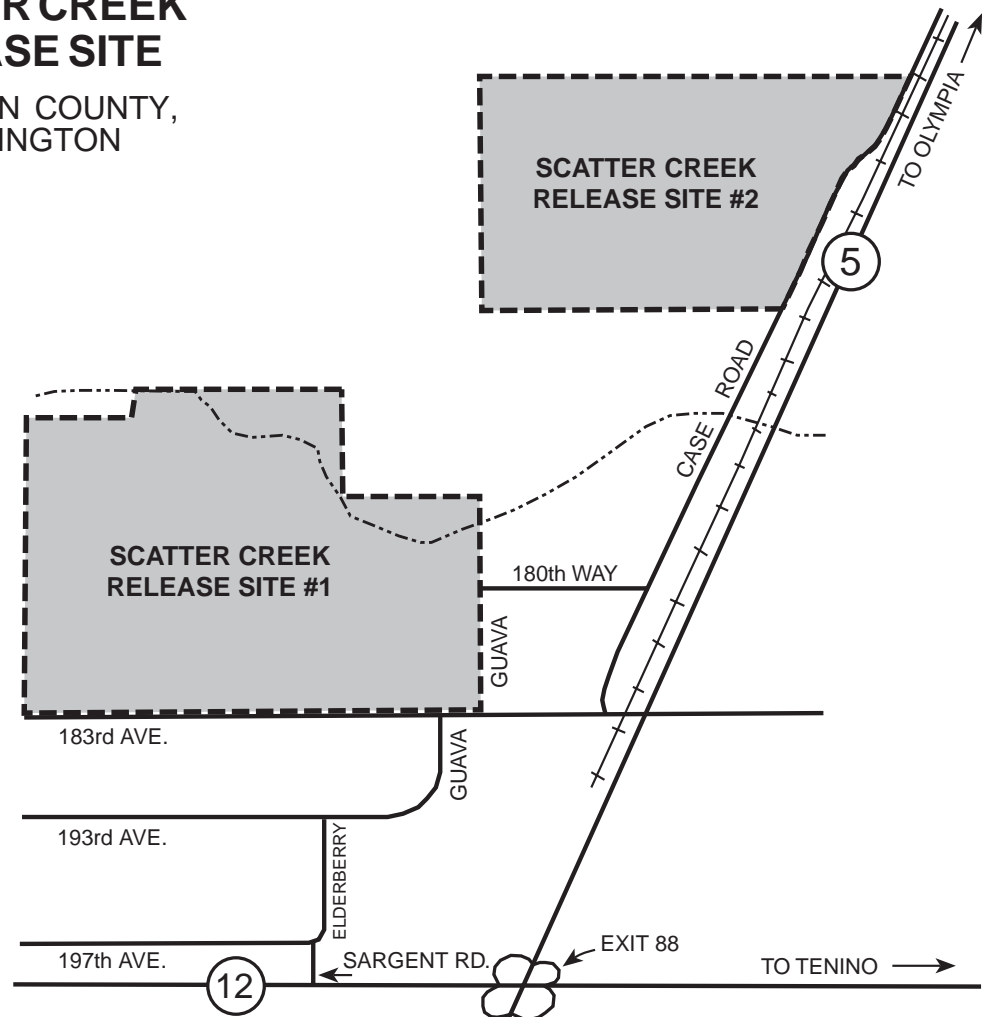


To reach Scatter Creek release sites, take Exit 88 and follow Hwy 12 west. Turn right onto Sargent Road (at stop light), then take immediate right onto Elderberry Street. At the "T" go right (east) on 193rd Ave. follow the road to the left. You will then be on Guava Road. Follow Guava Road to 183rd and either left on Guava to Scatter Creek Release Site #1 or left onto Case Road to Scatter Creek Release Site #2.

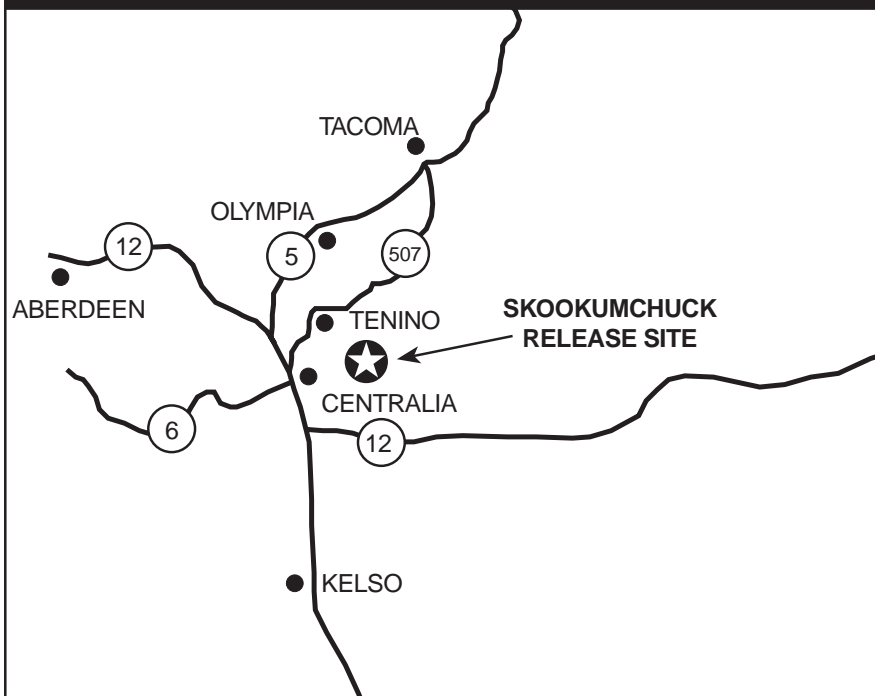
Total acreage: ~1000 Ac

SCATTER CREEK RELEASE SITE

THURSTON COUNTY,
WASHINGTON

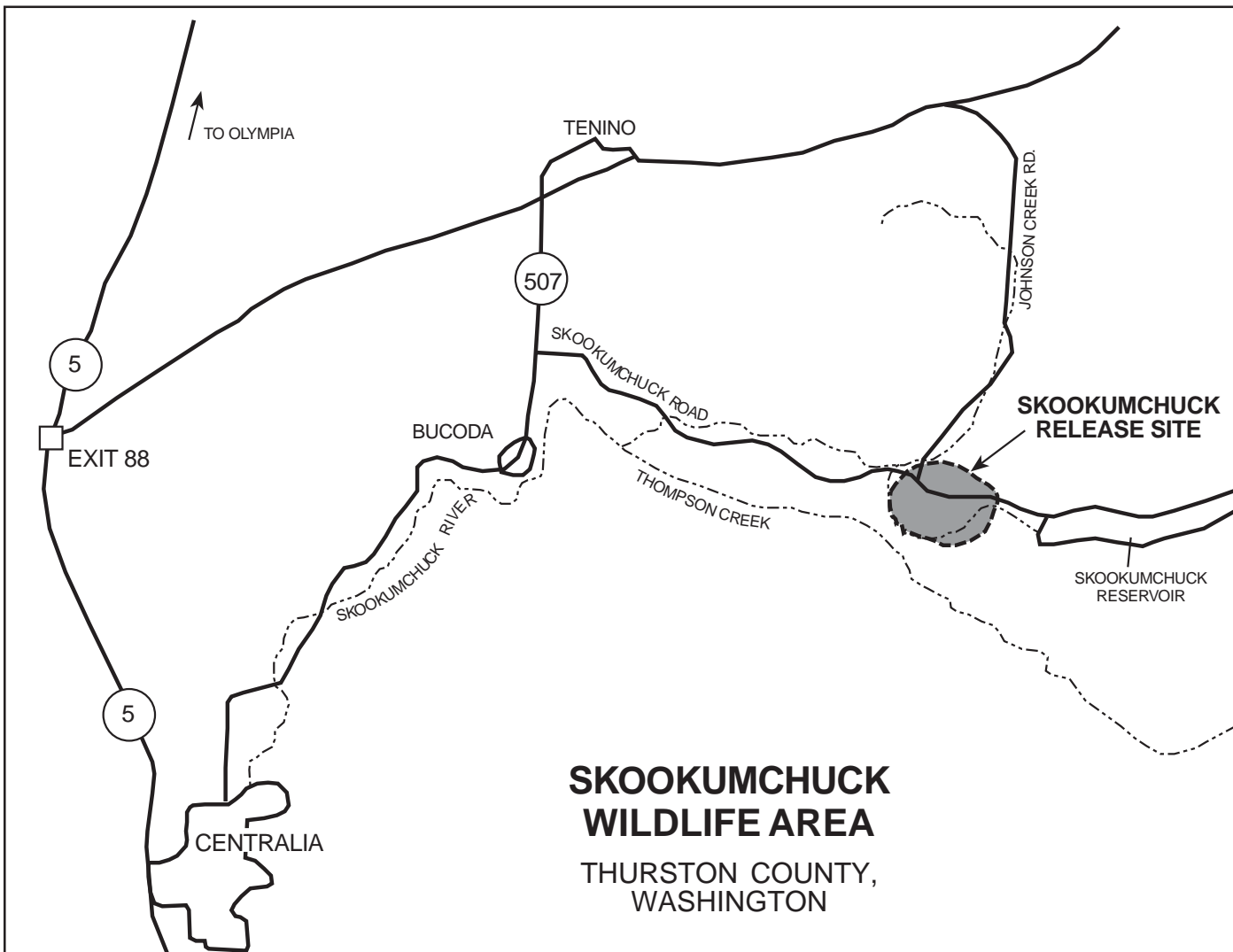


SKOOKUMCHUCK RELEASE SITE

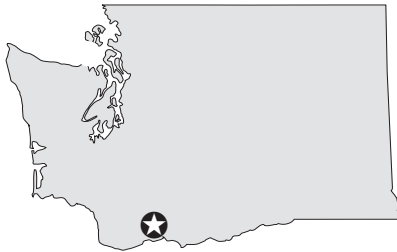


To reach the Skookumchuck release site take exit 88 from I-5 and travel east to Tenino. Then take Hwy 507 toward Bucoda. From 507 take Skookumchuck Road east to the release site.

Total acreage: ~250 Ac



BELFAIR RELEASE SITES

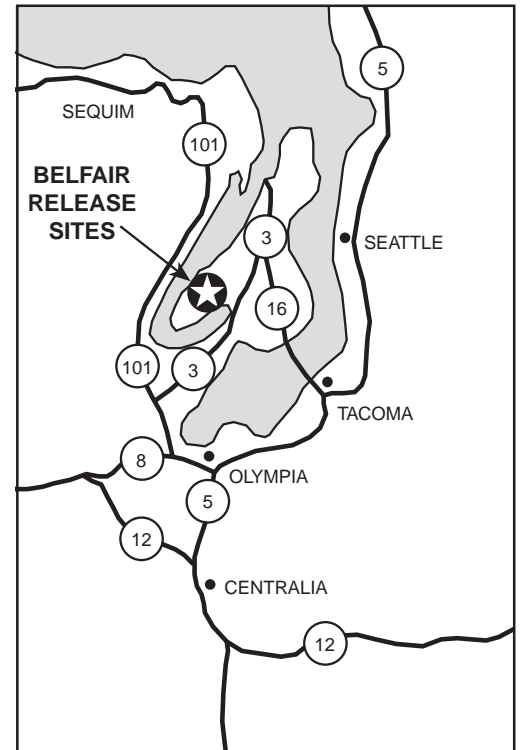


To reach the **Spillman Rd. Site**, take Hwy 300 from Belfair along the north shore of Hood Canal. Take the Belfair-Tahuya Road to the South Spillman Road. Take a right on S. Spillman and go 0.3 mile. Turn left into site.

To reach the **Hurd Road Site**, take Hwy 300 from Belfair along North Shore Road, Hood Canal. Take the Belfair - Tahuya Road and turn left on Hurd Road. The release site is approximately 1 mile on the left.

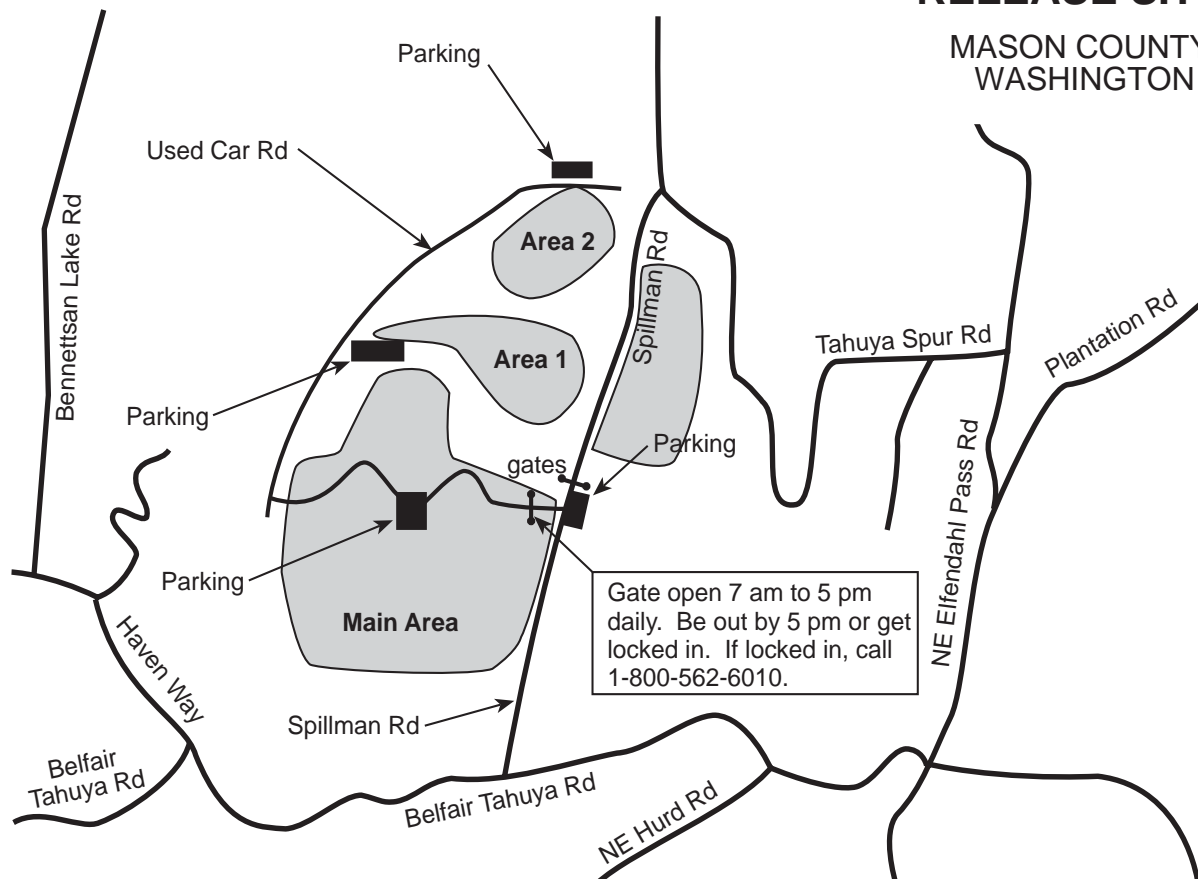
NOTE: Both of these sites are clearcuts and subject to change once vegetation grows too tall.

Total acreage: ~200 Ac



BELFAIR RELEASE SITES

MASON COUNTY,
WASHINGTON



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